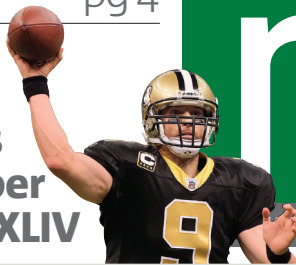


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## N.L. premier recovering

**SURGERY** Premier Danny Williams was recovering from heart surgery performed Thursday in the United States.

Deputy premier Kathy Dunderdale says surgery on the premier of Newfoundland and Labrador went well.

Dunderdale says he will remain in intensive care for the next 24 hours, but should be back to work in early March. It's not known what type of procedure the 60-year-old Williams underwent or where the surgery was done.



Danny Williams

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## Guns N' Roses

## Axl grease



Axl Rose, left, and guitarist DJ Ashba perform Welcome to the Jungle from the 1987 album Appetite for Destruction with their Guns N' Roses bandmates at the Metro Centre Thursday night. The band is currently touring in support of their latest album Chinese Democracy.

## Junior high teacher faces charges of child luring

**CRIME** A Dartmouth junior high school teacher has resigned over charges of sexual exploitation and luring a child following a two-month investigation by police.

Mickeal Smith-Tanner of Halifax taught at John Martin Junior High School since November 2008, according to Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley.

Hadley said Smith-Tanner handed in his resignation Thursday after police arrested him the day before.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said a complaint came in Nov. 26 from a 16-year-old Dartmouth female alleging she received sexually explicit electronic correspondence from a man who held a position of trust.

Palmeter said a two-month investigation led to the arrest of Smith-Tanner and subsequent charges.

"We will not tolerate this behaviour," said Palmeter, alleging the correspondence by the suspect came from "various electronic means of communication" between Oct. 31 and Jan. 7.

Hadley said police notified the board of their investigation several weeks ago and Smith-Tanner had been off with pay since Jan. 1.

Asked if the alleged victim was a student from a previous year, Hadley said "I can't confirm or deny that. It's a matter before the courts."

Smith-Tanner has been released on conditions and will appear in Dartmouth provincial court May 11.

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# Standing defiant

## MLA refuses to apologize for expensing \$8,000 generator

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## Former premier named

• Even former premier Rodney MacDonald is now caught up in the all-party embarrassment, acknowledging a projector screen he bought while in office for \$2,665 is among the items in question.



Rodney MacDonald

MacDonald said he contacted the Speaker's office Thursday and offered to work with the Speaker to clarify if it is an expense he has to pay back to the province.

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**The government minister who spent \$13,445 of taxpayer money on office furniture apologized Thursday, but the member who expensed \$8,000 on a home generator stood defiant.**

Yarmouth Progressive Conservative MLA Richard Hurlburt admitted billing the government for a generator to be installed in his home, as outlined in Wednesday's auditor general's report. He has repaid about \$3,000 in installation fees and Thursday night agreed to take care of the rest but, during a morning media conference, insisted he was not sorry for buying the generator.

Hurlburt said he keeps it charged in his home in case

the public needs it during emergencies.

"Where would you suggest I put it, on the sidewalk?" he said to reporters when asked why it was hooked up in his house. Hurlburt said during a power outage residents at a nearby seniors' home are welcome to come to his place for shelter.

He was asked why the generator wasn't just installed at the seniors' home.

"Well, they never ... I don't know if there's even room there. But the seniors complex is just a couple minutes walk from my house," he said. He added he's offered search and rescue groups and EMO use of the generator when desired.

Hurlburt said he had never used the generator for personal reasons and plans to donate it to charity when he leaves office.

CBC reported last night the senior's complex already had a back-up generator and both search and rescue and EMO weren't aware of Hurlburt's offer.

Agriculture Minister John MacDonald took the opposite stance. He repented for spending more than \$13,000 of local, custom-made oak office furniture.

"I would definitely like to apologize," he said.

MacDonell said he didn't mean to be extravagant and was always within his expense limits, so he didn't realize there was a problem.

"I thought, if I was going to buy furniture, to have it made by a Nova Scotian was probably a better way to do that," he said, though he admitted he does not buy custom, local furniture for his home.

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## Haiti benefit concert tickets still on sale

Classified, left, Joel Plaskett and Bruce Guthro are only a few of the many acts performing at the Halifax for Haiti benefit concert Monday at the Halifax Metro Centre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go for \$20 each and can be purchased at Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Canadian Red Cross to support earthquake relief in Haiti.

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## Tories converging for yearly meeting

**WESTIN** A wave of blue will splash over Halifax this weekend.

The Progressive Conservative party is holding its 2010 annual general meeting at the Westin Hotel in Halifax from Friday through Sunday.

Highlights from the event will include a keynote address from interim leader Karen Casey, the party's annual business meeting, election of a new provincial executive and policy decisions that will shape where the party goes moving forward.

What won't be decided this weekend is who will be the party's new leader in the place of Rodney MacDonald, who stepped down after last spring's election. That decision will come at a leadership convention in October.

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## More dates for fiscal consultations

**DEFICIT** Finance Minister Graham Steele has released more dates and locations for public meetings on dealing with the province's deficit.

Steele is hosting a series of 23 public consultations across Nova Scotia on how to bring the province back into fiscal balance, and has new meetings scheduled for Feb. 17 in both Sheet Harbour and Lower Sackville, Feb. 19 in Liverpool and Yarmouth, and Feb. 20 in Digby.

In Lower Sackville, the meeting will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion at 45 Sackville Cross St.

Last Monday, Steele held his first two meetings in HRM — an afternoon session at the Dartmouth North Community Centre and an evening event in Eastern Passage.

His next meetings are Monday in Kentville and Wolfville.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

**Video** Danny Williams is recovering from heart surgery performed Thursday in the United States, at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)



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# Names sought in spending scandal

'These are taxpayers' dollars, we have nothing to hide': Tory leader

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**Opposition leaders and some in government are now calling for the names of politicians who misused public money to be publicly released.**

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe detailed a litany of potential abuses in his report Wednesday, but refused to name names. He said it was the government speaker's decision whether to release the names.

So far, Speaker Charlie Parker has said he will not release names. He said it's up to the individual members to come clean.

Some have, but many expenses remain unclaimed, such as a \$2,500 LCD television and \$740 espresso maker.

On Thursday, almost every government cabinet minister either repeated the personal responsibility line or said they couldn't comment because it was the speaker's decision. But some broke ranks.

"I think the public has a right to know who spent it, for sure," said Agriculture Minister John MacDonald.

Progressive Conservative Leader Karen Casey said her personal belief was "these are taxpayers' dollars, we have nothing to hide, let 'em see it."

But she wouldn't name the four former Tory MLAs who were implicated in the report. She said since they were no longer members of her caucus, it wasn't her responsibility to out them.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said his party supports the names being



Interim Tory leader Karen Casey answers questions about MLA expenses as Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlburt listens at the Progressive Conservatives' caucus office on Thursday.

made public, but MLAs should be given notice first.

"I have no problem (with it)," he said. "But I do believe members need to be told themselves in advance. I don't believe it's fair that members (first) be reading about this in the paper, on the news."

Leaders of all three parties spoke to their caucuses and encouraged them to come forward if they were mentioned in the report.

Deputy Premier Frank Corbett — filling in while

Premier Darrell Dexter is on vacation — apologized to taxpayers despite not being named personally in the report.

"When Nova Scotians are asked to do hard things and then they see members of their leadership doing these other things that seem to be wasting their money, then of course they deserve an apology," he said.

"While my name is not in there, I feel awful about this and I apologize to Nova Scotians."

## Politicians mentioned in AG's report

The following current and former MLAs have come forward to say they were mentioned in the auditor general's report:

### NDP

- Premier Darrell Dexter — Spent \$5,501 on two laptop computers and \$2,150 on a camera. Within regulations but deemed to be excessive. Repaying the full amount for both.

- Agriculture Minister John MacDonell — Expensed \$13,445 on custom-made office furniture. Also bought most expensive printer of any MLA at \$2,600. Has reimbursed government for furniture and said he just found out about the printer cost.

- Speaker Charlie Parker — His \$790 for a model boat was seen as excessive. Has reimbursed government.

- Halifax Chebucto MLA Howard Epstein — \$3,000 on books deemed excessive.

- Halifax Citadel MLA Leonard Preyra — Inappropriately expensed \$373 on airfare for a guest's flight to Ottawa. Preyra said it was a mistake and reimbursed government.

### Liberals

- Glace Bay MLA Dave Wilson — \$400 expensed on patio furniture. Wilson said receipts got mistakenly mixed in with office expenses. Has reimbursed government.



Dave Wilson

- Richmond MLA Michelle Samson — \$1,200 of apartment Internet bills paid over

three years. Hasn't been asked to repay bills but has contacted speaker's office to offer reimbursement.

- Preston MLA Keith Colwell — Against regulations, expensed \$252 worth of 3-D art from brother for door prizes at community events. Has repaid money. Also spent \$2,665 for a projector, which was seen as excessive.

- Clare MLA Wayne Gaudet — Payment of \$1,260 for parking-lot sanding to company owned by brother. Was against regulations.

- Halifax Clayton Park MLA Diana Whalen — 13,000 calendars for public, most of any MLA, seen as potentially excessive advertising. Whalen said she uses the calendars as a form of community outreach and way to keep in touch with constituents. She also notes she has most constituents of any riding in the province.

### Progressive Conservatives

- Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlburt — \$8,000 to have generator installed in home. Seen as potentially illegitimate. Thursday night, Hurlburt agreed to pay the full \$8,000. He first only committed to pay \$3,000.

- Former Inverness MLA Rodney MacDonald — Purchased a \$2,665 projector screen for business presentations. Contacted speaker's office and awaiting clarification on whether payback is required.

- Former Eastern Shore MLA Bill Dooks spent \$6,234 to create website for constituency office. Awaiting clarification on whether payback is required.

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## MLA's split from assistant closes constituency office

**TRURO-BIBLE HILL** A parting of the ways between Truro-Bible Hill MLA Lenore Zann and her constituency assistant Susan MacQuarrie has led to the temporary closure of the constituency office.

The office has been closed all week and could remain so for much of the month after the business relationship ended Jan. 26.

Zann and an NDP caucus official are now undertaking an operational re-

view to determine how the office can best meet the needs of the riding.

"I wasn't satisfied with the way it was going before," Zann said. "Right now, for me, this is the best thing that I need to do for the constituents, for my office and for me."

MacQuarrie was Zann's campaign manager during last summer's election, and she had been the rookie MLA's constituency assistant since the office

opened in October.

Saying staffing issues are confidential, Zann declined to divulge what led to the severing of ties.

MacQuarrie declined comment other than to say she loved her job and the parties split ties due to "personality issues."

The office was in darkness Thursday, while a sign on the door said for emergencies call the NDP caucus office in Halifax.

"I am carrying on busi-

ness as usual, but I am between here and my meetings in Halifax," Zann said.

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## Correction

**EXPENSES** A story in Thursday's edition of Metro on the auditor general's report incorrectly stated that one MLA expensed \$373 for a guest's flight to Ottawa and \$150 on three MP3 players. These items were actually unrelated. Halifax Citadel MLA Leonard Preyra came forward to say he mistakenly expensed the extra airline ticket, but he was not responsible for the MP3 players.

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Gas prices are expected to go up slightly when the new regulated price is set at 12:01 a.m. Friday. Reports indicate a roughly one-cent increase, which would put the price of regulated self serve to about \$1.04 per litre. Gas at this time last year was selling for 85 cents a litre. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Locals pick Super Bowl faves

Everyone's a couch quarterback and coach when it comes to Sunday's big game in Miami

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**Metro's panel of prognosticators has spoken — no clear-cut favourite for Super Bowl XLIV in Miami, Fla.**

We asked 16 prominent locals who they think will win Sunday's highly anticipated match-up between the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts.

A slight majority (nine) is picking Drew Brees and the Saints, but most expect it to go down to the wire as 14 of our prognosticators are predicting the final score to be within a converted touchdown.

Below are each person's pick, score and justification. Enjoy.

**STEVE SUMARAH**  
Saint Mary's Huskies  
Football Coach  
Colts, 35-24

"I just think Peyton Manning is playing as well as any quarterback can play. He's just playing unbelievable."



**PETER KELLY**  
HRM Mayor  
Saints, 28-21

"I have to go with New Orleans winning by a touchdown."

I like the grit they have shown in some of their games this year. I always like the motivational factor for the underdog."



**KAREN FURNEAUX**  
Olympic Kayaker  
Saints, 31-24

"(The Saints win) with lots of running and (lots of) heart."

**T.J. GRANT, UFC**  
Mixed Martial Artist  
Colts 34-31

"Peyton's going to go down in the history books and he needs another Super Bowl. But it's going to be a crazy one."

**FRANK CORBETT**  
Deputy Premier  
Saints, 24-17

"In the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, (New Orleans) has shown immense pride and spirit, allowing it to overcome incredible challenges. This game will be no different."



**ERIC CROOKSHANK**  
Halifax Rainmen  
Forward  
Colts, 24-17

"Peyton Manning is a more experienced QB with a great defence. But Reggie Bush will have a great game for the Saints."



**MEGAN LESLIE**  
Halifax MP  
Saints, 20-13

"New Orleans to win by seven points. The city has endured so many struggles over the past few years — they deserve the win!"

**COUN. DAWN SLOANE**  
Downtown Halifax  
Saints, 40-29

"The New Orleans Saints have been doing well this season. I think it is their year."

**PETER DELMAS**  
Halifax Mooseheads  
Goaltender  
Saints, 31-28

"Drew Brees is the man. And Peyton's already won. Time to

change it up."

**DESMOND FERGUSON**  
Halifax Rainmen  
Forward  
Colts, 31-24

"I just can't go against Peyton Manning and his greatness. He is the greatest quarterback of our time and can win the game by himself."

**STEVE MURPHY**  
CTV News  
Editor and Anchor  
Saints, 34-27

"I'm not a huge NFL fan but I like underdogs so, I'm going to go with New Orleans. I freely admit, there's some wishful thinking here. The people of New Orleans could really use a break."

**COLLEEN JONES**  
CBC Broadcaster  
Saints, 21-14

"My brain might say the Colts but my heart says the Saints. I just think they have extra motivation with everything that's gone on in New Orleans."



**PETER MACKAY**  
Defence Minister  
Colts 27-24

"(Peyton) Manning has the experience and the will to win. He is a field general with the ability to see the field and pick apart New Orleans' defence."

**COUN. SUE UTECK**  
Northwest Arm-South End  
Saints, 37-34

"I have to go with New Orleans. It's Cinderella all the way with Drew Brees vs. Peyton Manning. A high-scoring affair."

**JODY SHELLEY**  
San Jose Sharks  
Forward  
Colts, 35-28

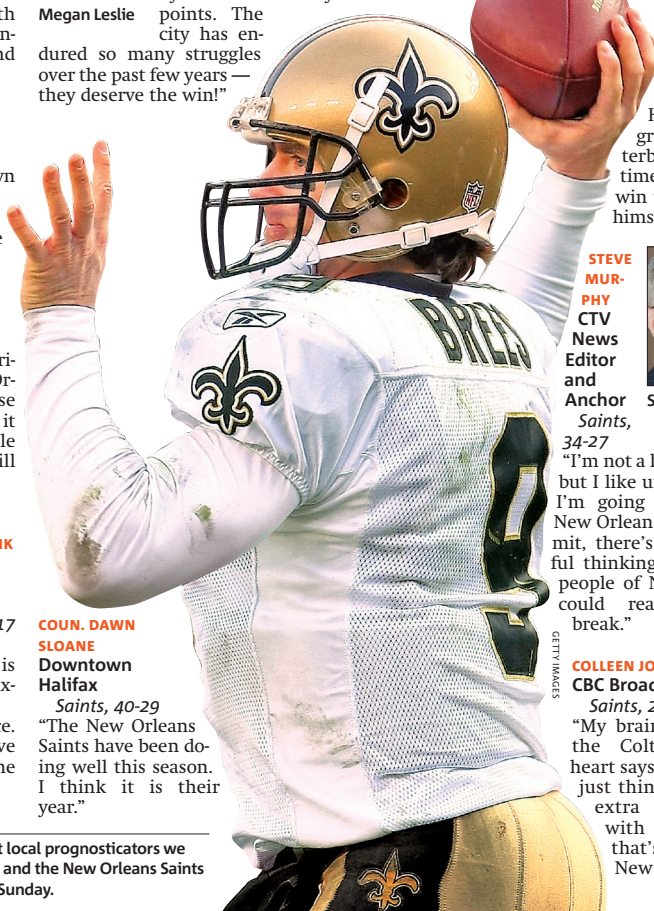
"The Colts have already won a Super Bowl and know what it takes to win."

**GEOFF REGAN**  
Halifax West MP  
Colts, 34-27

"I expect Peyton Manning's cool quickness and rocket-laser arm to win it for Indianapolis. Besides, the Colts are my oldest daughter's favourite team."



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## September airshow to highlight 100 years of naval aviation

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**SHEARWATER** When he first laid eyes on it, it was rusting, broken into several pieces and filled with sand.

But now, 16 years later, retired naval officer Bud Ayer says he's confident the Fairey Firefly FR.1 will soar over Halifax once again. The plane, which was in service with the Royal Canadian Air Force

beginning in the late 1940s, is one of dozens set to take to the skies on Sept. 11 and 12 for this year's Nova Scotia International Airshow (NSIAS).

"The biggest thing will be getting the engine started," chuckled Ayer as he stood next to the Firefly, which was sold to the Ethiopian army in 1951 and lay buried in the desert for 30 years before being returned to Canadian soil.

"It came in pieces ... just

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a great big pile of junk," he recalled.

Officials announced yesterday that the NSIAS will return to Shearwater this year, and will focus largely on heritage aircraft in honour of the Canadian

Navy's centennial year.

"We're really excited to be able to highlight the contributions of naval aviation over the last 100 years," said Col. Sam Michaud, Commander of 12 Wing Shearwater.

"It's going to be a great show."

Along with heritage models, the show will feature modern aircraft from both Canada and the U.S., including CF-18 Hornets and the ever-popular Snowbirds.

According to airshow executive director Colin Stephenson, there may also be a demonstration of the CH-148 Cyclone helicopter — the model set to replace Canada's aging Sea King choppers.

"We hope that will happen, and are really looking forward to it," said Stephenson.



Col. Sam Michaud announces the location and theme of the Nova Scotia International Air Show Thursday morning in Shearwater. The air show will return to HRM on Sept. 11 and 12 in Shearwater.

For Ayer, however, the highlight will definitely be the Firefly's long-awaited return to the skies.

"I've been at this since 1994," he said. "That day will be pretty nerve-racking."



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**Fire forces senior's out of apartments**

Residents of a senior's complex in Shubenacadie were forced briefly from their apartments Wednesday evening when a small fire sent smoke through parts of the building, requiring the power to be turned off. There were no injuries. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



A protestor holds a sign of Tourism Minister Percy Paris photoshopped onto the body of Steve Urkel from the TV show Family Matters as fellow demonstrators file out of One Government Place Thursday. Scores of protesters were trying to get the attention of NDP cabinet ministers during the rally to restore the Cat ferry service from Yarmouth to Maine.

## Decision sticks

### Ferry to U.S. didn't make economic sense: Minister

**Nova Scotia's economic development minister rejected appeals Thursday to reconsider a decision to eliminate funding for a high-speed ferry to the United States, arguing the venture didn't make good business sense.**

After meeting with several protesters who staged a noisy demonstration inside and outside a government office building, Percy Paris said he would not bring the issue back to the cabinet table.

The group of about 250 tourism operators, business owners and ferry employees want the NDP government to reverse its decision to end subsidies for the CAT ferry that runs between Yarmouth and Maine.

But Paris said it didn't make economic sense to keep subsidizing the service since revenue from American tourists has been dropping off.

"It's not a good business venture — it's as simple as that," he told reporters after his meeting with the mayor of Yarmouth.

"It's not going to be considering reversing the decision around the CAT."

Bay Ferries Ltd. announced in early December it was dropping the service because it could not afford to operate without government

help.

Premier Darrell Dexter has said his government remains opposed to providing \$6 million in provincial cash to keep the boat running and the government — which faces a \$525-million deficit this year — can't provide an ongoing subsidy.

Businesses and labour groups say the loss of the ferry will eliminate about 600 jobs and cost millions of dollars annually in lost revenues.

Yarmouth Mayor Phil Mooney said 76,000 people used the service last year, bringing in roughly \$33 million to the province.

"We want him to relook at his decision," he said at the demonstration.

"We're at the second highest unemployment rate in Nova Scotia and you put another 600 job on that ... it's going to be devastating to us."

Waving placards and calling for Dexter by his first name, workers in hard hats along with union officials and restaurant employees crammed into two floors of the building.

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## 911 trace better for cellphones

**AMY BOND**  
for Metro Halifax

**WIRELESS** The province announced Thursday that Nova Scotia's 911 emergency service is better able to trace the location of a caller using their cellphone in case of emergency.

A government release said the system can now provide an estimate location of a cellular or mobile

### Call service

Most cellphones are automatically designed to allow their location to be traced for

calls by 911, a government release said.

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handset by estimating longitude and latitude as opposed to the previous system, which could only estimate the location by estimating the distance within the area of the nearest cellphone tower.

The government advises cellphone customers to contact their wireless service provider should they have questions or concerns about the technology used by their provider to identify cellular location.

### News in brief

**COURT** A preliminary hearing for a Cape Breton man facing a number of sex offences against boys will take place June 10. Kenneth Paul Canning, 47, of Sydney was charged last June with a variety of counts relating to five male complainants. A preliminary hearing determines whether there is sufficient evidence to send the matter on to trial. Canning remains free on a series of strict conditions, including that he have no contact with the five complainants or their families.

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There were no injuries after a vehicle failed to stop at a red light and struck a second vehicle at South Park and Morris Streets late Wednesday night. Police say the driver was issued a summary offence ticket for failing to stop at a red light. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## RCMP employee disciplined over media fax on Wagmatcook costs

**MEDIA** Following an RCMP code of conduct investigation, an employee at the Baddeck detachment has been disciplined for sending out an unauthorized media advisory fax.

RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Brigit Leger said Wednesday because of privacy law concerns she can't identify the employee, reveal whether it was a Mountie

or civilian employee or provide details of the discipline meted out, other than to say it was informal discipline as set out in the federal RCMP Act.

Leger has said the contents of the fax were not RCMP information, nor was it authorized or verified.

The fax last month, which purports to show

the cost of a decision by Wagmatcook band council to replace the Mounties with the Cape Breton Regional Police, has been called "totally false" by Brian Arbuthnot, the director of operations for the band.

Leger couldn't explain with any certainty why the employee sent out the fax.

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## Smokin' Joe chills out with local fans

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**Surrounded by punching bags, worn mats, and a throng of adoring fans, boxing legend Smokin' Joe Frazier looked right at home inside a Halifax gym Thursday.**

The 66-year-old sat patiently in front of the main ring at Palooka's Boxing Club on Gottingen Street for nearly an hour, signing gloves, photos, T-shirts and just about anything else thrust in front of him by fans.

Frazier, most famous for his vicious left hook and longstanding rivalry with Muhammad Ali, was in Halifax for the Canadian Progress Club sports celebrity dinner and stopped by the club to greet about 70 fans, many of whom weren't even born when he fought his last bout in 1981.

"I've heard some cool things about him," said 13-year-old Michael Anthony, happily clutching a pair of freshly signed gloves.

"Dad told me he was one of the best boxers ever."

Many would agree with that assessment. Frazier is both an Olympic (1964) and World Heavyweight boxing champion, and over the course of his career built a reputation as one of the fiercest fighters ever to enter the professional ring.

He was anything but fierce Thursday, however, chatting with almost everyone who lined up in



Smokin' Joe Frazier signs a pair of boxing gloves at Palooka's Gym on Gottingen Street on Thursday. Frazier was in town for Halifax Progress Club Sports Celebrity Dinner.

### Good sports

• Former Calgary Flames star Theo Fleury was among the other sports stars in Halifax on Thursday for the Canadian Progress Club sports celebrity dinner at Cunard Centre on

Thursday. Joining Joe Frazier and Fleury were fellow hockey greats Dennis Hall and Paul Henderson, as well as ex-Major League pitcher Jim Abbott.

front of him and throwing a few playful jabs at unsuspecting fans.

"It's nice seeing everybody," he said of the crowd. "I love'em!"

Palooka's assistant manager Josh Lyon said it was "amazing" to have Frazier in the club, even for a

short visit.

"The kids really took to him, and he seemed to have a really good time as well. I thought it went really well," Lyon said after the event.

"He's everybody's hero in the boxing community."

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## Comment

## Conservative reboot

## UrbanCompass



Friday night, 600 Nova Scotia Tories will gather at the Westin Hotel to pay perfunctory tribute to Rodney MacDonald, their

thankfully former, now hardly ever mentioned leader.

After that — if not before — conventioners will get down to the real, if unspoken business at hand: Making sure the party doesn't blow it again like it did in 2006.

That's when delegates chose the awkward, inexperienced and visionless MacDonald, not because of what he stood for or what he promised to do, but because what passed for the

Tories' brain trust that convinced delegates MacDonald's youthfulness (he was 33), good looks and cheerful bonhomie could help them sway the youth vote, win back metro from the socialist hordes and restore the party of John Hamm and John Buchanan to its rightful majority in the legislative firmament.

I'd say that worked out rather well for them...

The irony, in retrospect, is there were more qualified candidates. Neil LeBlanc, a former finance minister, for one. And Bill Black, a political neophyte, but a successful businessman with clear views on policy.

Their names are now be-

ing bandied about again as party members prepare for a late October leadership convention. They're not the only could-be contenders, of course. Karen Casey, the party's interim leader, may want the job permanently. But so might fellow MLA and former health minister Chris d'Entremont. Or Cape Breton's Cecil Clarke. Or — Lord forbid — Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly, who admits he still hasn't shuttered his political ambitions.

The current front-runner for some, however, is Jamie Baillie, 43, the president and chief executive officer of Credit Union Atlantic. Baillie, a former chief of staff to John Hamm, is a longtime backroom organizer. But his Wikipedia biography was deleted in 2006

as "not a notable enough person to warrant a page." Ouch.

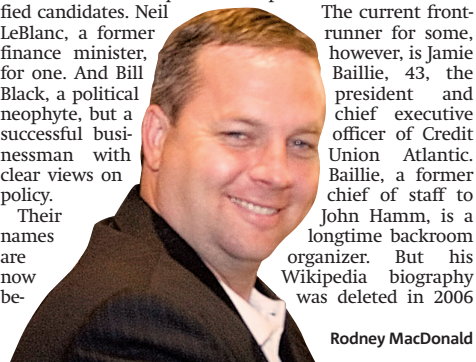
Still, any of them could do better than the hapless MacDonald. But is that really the question? What the party needs at this point — with at least two and a half years to go before even an early next election — is not a leader but a vision.

They need to distinguish themselves from the increasingly conservative NDP, on the one hand, and the suddenly far less laughable Liberals on the other.

Like Michael Ignatieff's federal Liberals, Nova Scotia's Tories need to stop scrambling to find the magic leader button and start doing the hard but necessary work of creating policies and programs that will make voters see them as relevant alternatives.

Don't hold your breath.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.



Rodney MacDonald

## Views

## Questioning the magic at Herbal Magic

## Marketplace



When Stacey Edgar wanted to drop about 50 pounds last year, she decided to try Herbal Magic. It's one of the biggest weight loss companies in Canada — with more than 300 stores coast to coast.

"When they're selling you, you're just concentrating on how awesome you're going to look, and how it's going to change your life," says Edgar. "And then they write all the numbers down, but they don't give you a breakdown of the cost."

Herbal Magic clients sign

a one-year contract with a base price of about \$1,000, which includes weekly weigh-ins, a low-cal diet and counselling. But the biggest cost to customers? Two mandatory herbal supplements, called WM-2000 and Chromagic — about an extra \$250 per month.

And how do those two supplements help? When we visited stores with hidden cameras, staff told us the supplements were important for weight loss. "You will lose more weight with the supplements, than you would without," said one employee. And we were handed glossy brochures that explain how the supplements are key to losing weight.

So we asked Natural Standard in Boston — a leading research institute that assesses the science on the safety and efficacy of

natural health products — to examine the ingredients and the claims. It determined, when it comes to the mandatory supplements, there was insufficient evidence to make claims for weight loss.

We took our findings to Herbal Magic president Fraser Clarke and asked him what scientific evidence the company has to back up claims for those two mandatory supplements. "Each of our products contains ingredients that have clinical studies to support any claims that we make about those," he said.

But many of those studies don't directly relate to weight loss. Others had small sample sizes, poor control groups, included other ingredients in the study, or were only done on mice. A handful of studies showed potentially en-

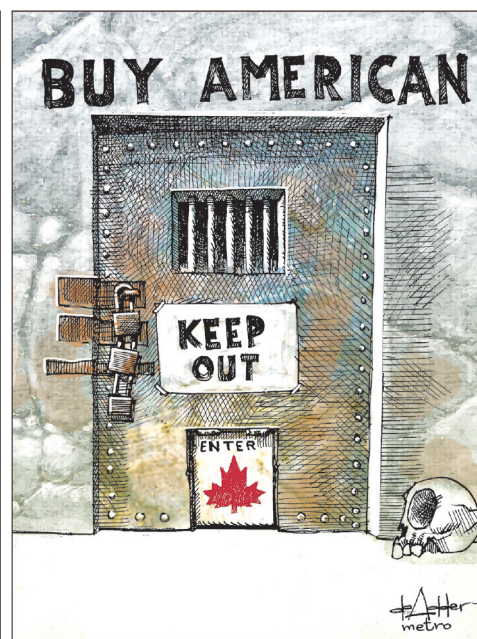
couraging results for particular ingredients, but more study would be needed to draw any conclusions.

Obesity experts like Dr. Yoni Freedhoff say the diet industry should be regulated so claims can't be made without evidence. "To have products that are being sold to people that don't have enough basis for efficacy ... I think should be illegal."

Meanwhile, Herbal Magic tells us it's phasing out those supplements we put under the microscope. New formulations will hit store shelves by fall.

To find out the real deal behind Herbal Magic's weight loss program, tune into CBC Television's Marketplace tonight at 8:30.

Erica Johnson is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



## Worth mentioning

## Simply smashing — Brits unveil shatterproof glass

Soon Britons will be able to get smashed at the pub while their pint glasses won't.

The shatterproof pint glass was proudly unveiled by the government Thursday. Officials swore the country would save billions in health-care costs by coming up with a glass that doesn't double as a lethal weapon.

But noticeably, no officials were talking about reforming the British binge drinking culture at the root of the problem.

"Glassing causes horrific injuries and has a lasting and devastating impact on victims and their families," Home Secretary Alan Johnson said. "I hope these designs will help bring an

end to such attacks." Two types of shatterproof technologies are in the works: One has a thin bio-resin coating on the inside that strengthens it; and the other bonds two thin layers of glass together in the same way as car windshields. Both are difficult to break and keep the shards together if they do fracture, rendering them useless as weapons.

The government is touting the prototypes as the first significant improvement in bar glassware in decades. The plan is to introduce the new glasses for use on a voluntary basis in pubs if tests show they are durable, cost-effective and safe.

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# 87,000

There are about 87,000 alcohol-related glass attacks each year, with many resulting in hospital visits, Home Secretary Alan Johnson said as he introduced the two prototype shatterproof pint glasses Thursday.

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Despite spending last weekend in jail on drug charges, Ed DeVries is not about to shut the Qikiqtani Compassion Club, what is almost certainly the most northerly — and perhaps the most popular — medical marijuana club in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## Prosecutors seek publication ban

Military prosecutors are seeking a publication ban on some of the evidence to be presented at the court martial of a Canadian officer accused of killing a wounded Taliban fighter on the battlefield. Lawyers will ask the court on Friday to ban the public from hearing the entire contents of a witness affidavit to be used against Capt. Robert Semrau, left.

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## Buy U.S. deal reached

Canada granted exemption from protectionist rules

**Canada and the United States will announce Friday that the year-long dispute over protectionist Buy American provisions has finally been resolved, The Canadian Press has learned.**

A source familiar with the negotiations suggested that Canada would be granted a Buy American exemption involving any contracts funded from what remains of the \$787-billion US economic stimulus package passed by Congress last year.

The White House will make it clear to states and municipalities that Buy American requirements don't need to apply to Canadian companies, the source said. That would leave states and municipalities free to exempt Canadian manufacturers if they

### Trade irritant

Buy American has been a major trade irritant between the United States and Canada since Congress inserted the provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act a year ago. That legislation was aimed at pulling the U.S. out of a devastating recession.

want to.

In return, Canadian provinces and municipalities will give the green light to American firms bidding on projects north of the border.

"The big question now is how quickly it will lock in for uncommitted U.S. stimulus money," one source said.

But others pointed out

that even though the deal comes just two weeks before the deadline for spending the stimulus money, it's a significant development in contemporary Canada-U.S. relations. It means the U.S. is now recognizing that the two countries' economies are intricately linked.

Canadian municipalities had threatened Buy Canadian retaliation against the U.S., but that was put on hold as the talks dragged on.

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## Rideau Hall Act of bravery



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean presents eight-year-old Kelsey Roy of Carleton Place, Ont., with the Medal of Bravery during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Thursday. Roy saved her mother who fell through the ice on Mississippi Lake. The medal is presented to both living and deceased individuals deemed to have performed acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### News in brief

**PIPELINE** A B.C. Oil and Gas Commission report into a toxic gas leak last fall in northeastern B.C., where there have been a series of pipeline bombings, paints an alarming picture of the emergency response by well operator En-Cana.

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## Tories scramble after new poll

**POLITICS** The Harper government is scrambling to take back the political agenda after suffering a beating in the polls over its decision to suspend Parliament.

The Conservatives trotted out a pair of cabinet ministers Thursday to assure Canadians they're

hard at work — and that a new proposal to cancel parliamentary spring breaks is not just a cynical political ploy. "The two break weeks need to be cancelled so we can work hard," Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis said.

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## RCMP seeks third-party probes

**LAW AND ORDER** The RCMP plans to ask outsiders to investigate serious incidents involving Mounties.

Commissioner William Elliot says cases in which officers are linked to death, serious injury or criminal behaviour will be referred to provincial or federal organizations for

investigation. Elliot says the policy also allows the national force to ask an "external law-enforcement agency or other duly authorized investigative agency" to conduct the probe. And in cases where that's not possible, the RCMP may appoint at least two Mounties from another

province, along with independent observers to review their findings.

Any officers assigned to investigating their own will be screened for possible conflict of interest and, where possible, the primary investigator should outrank the subject.

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**Man hunted over sex assault on child**

An arrest warrant has been issued for a 54-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting a girl under the age of six on the Suncild First Nations Reserve in Alberta. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Quebec City **S'now joke, they want to win**

Teams from around the world work on giant blocks of snow, as part of the international snow sculpture competition at Quebec's winter carnival in Quebec City.

**News in brief**

**CRIME** Calgary police say foster children across Canada are being questioned after a foster father was charged with sex offences involving boys in his care. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**B.C. launches \$48M HIV program**

**HEALTH** B.C. is launching a \$48-million program to help HIV patients before their disease progresses or spreads to others. It will target sex trade

workers, injection drug users and men who have sex with men in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and Prince George in the North. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Lépine blog troubles judge**

A Quebec judge has refused to grant bail to a man who named his blog after École polytechnique killer Marc Lépine and allegedly made threats against women.

Lépine killed 14 women and then himself in a 1989 rampage in Montreal.

Judge Claude Leblond said blogger Jean-Claude Rochefort's online musings are troubling and a clear indication of his obsession with winning a war against feminists.

Rochefort is charged with one count of uttering threats against women in general. He has pleaded not guilty and his lawyer argued he didn't intend to act on his comments.

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Former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and his brother were charged Thursday in a fresh corruption indictment that contains no new allegations of misconduct but which prosecutors hope will help speed the start of Blagojevich's trial. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## Colour me a dinosaur

Some dinosaurs had russet-coloured feathers and one jazzy specimen had a Mohawk crest and stripes, researchers say in the first reports to confidently assign colours to dinosaurs. Their colours have long been a subject of speculation among researchers and schoolchildren. In the new study, reported in Thursday's online edition of the journal *Science*, scientists focused on melanosomes, which impart colour. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Deadly day for civilians and militants alike

A suicide car bomber detonated his explosives near a hotel in southern Afghanistan, killing at least six people and wounding nearly two dozen, officials said.

Thursday's blast in Kandahar occurred as NATO and Afghan forces prepare for a joint offensive against Taliban militants in the neighbouring province of Helmand in a major bid to break the Taliban stranglehold on the south.

A policeman in the district where the blast happened, Ahmed Shah Khan, said the bomber's target was not immediately clear, and the explosives may have detonated prematurely. The six killed, including a child, were near the hotel, according to hospital official Mohammad Ibrahim.

### Anti-IED expertise

- The U.S. is considering a plan that would give NATO allies access to some of the equipment and expertise used by American troops to deter roadside bombs.

He said 18 people were wounded.

NATO has sent reinforcements into Kandahar, fearing the Taliban are encroaching on the city of 800,000 people. At the same time, the international community launched a program of economic aid and development projects.

NATO and Afghan forces also killed 32 suspected militants in Helmand as troops there gear up for a push to capture the town of Marjah, officials said Thursday.

A start date for the Marjah offensive has not been released for security reasons.

The operation will be the first major offensive since U.S. President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more American troops to Afghanistan, and many of the Marines set to participate arrived as part of the surge. Marjah is the largest city in the south under Taliban control.

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## Haiti Americans charged



Corinna Lankford, right, and her daughter Nicole arrive at court in a police truck in Port-au-Prince Thursday. The 10 Idaho missionaries who tried to take Haitian children out of the country were charged with kidnapping. Their Haitian lawyer defending them saying nine of the Americans are innocent.

## News in brief

**INDONESIA** Enraged by protesters likening him to a "big and stupid" water buffalo, Indonesia's president has ordered the beasts and other animals banned at street demonstrations, a decision some Indonesians said shows their leader can't handle criticism. The ban, issued by police, follows a demonstration last week in which protesters — who accused President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of failing to fight rampant corruption — tried to parade a water buffalo with Yudhoyono's name spray-painted on it through the city's main traffic circle.

**SPACE** The planet Pluto is changing its looks, donning more red in its complexion and altering its iceball surface here and there. Colour astronomers surprised. Newly released U.S. Hubble Space Telescope photos show the distant one-time planet — demoted to "dwarf planet" status in 2006 — is changing colour and its ice sheets are shifting.

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**U.S. pandas get sendoff as they head to China**

Adoring crowds and TV viewers watched Thursday as American-born giant pandas Mei Lan and Tai Shan were loaded onto a special cargo jet in Washington for a flight to their new homes in China for breeding. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**India Natural procession**

Indian police stand guard as naked Hindu holy men take part in a procession as part of the festival of Kumbh Mela Thursday.

**News in brief**

**LONDON** Legislators are calling on Britain's government to ban Chinese paper lanterns because of a risk to cows, sheep and other livestock. The large paper lanterns, which each contain a candle and are made of paper and a wire frame, are often released into the air to mark weddings, birthdays or other celebrations. Often the lanterns can drift for several kilometres and land in rural fields. Baroness Janet Fookes says the pretty decorations pose a danger to animals. Cattle have eaten the wire frames and died as a result.

**ACID** Cambodia plans to draft a new law in a bid to stop the growing number of attacks in which jealous wives, vengeful businessmen and others have hurled acid at their rivals, a government official said. More than 10 people were assaulted with acid in 2009, and three last month alone, according to a nongovernment group that helps victims of the attacks. "For the attackers, using acid to attack opponents is very easy, not hard to hide like guns," said Deputy Minister of Interior Teng Savong.

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# Man gets 10 years for raping own daughter

**A Polish court has convicted a man who held his daughter captive for six years, raped her repeatedly and fathered two sons with her. Krzysztof Bartoszuk was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.**

The entirety of the Polish trial took place behind closed doors to protect the daughter, now 23, and other family members. Reporters and TV cameras were only allowed in the court briefly Thursday to hear part of the verdict read.

Janusz Sulima, a spokesman for the court, said Bartoszuk, 47, was found guilty of multiple counts of rape, sexual acts with a minor and physical and psychological abuse against the daughter and other family members, among other charges.

Bartoszuk admitted to having sex with his daughter, but insisted it was consensual. As he walked out of the court, he told reporters he plans to appeal.

Bartoszuk has been in

**Parallels**

• The trial of Krzysztof Bartoszuk began after the conclusion of the case in Austria against Josef Fritzl, who was found guilty of imprisoning his daughter in a dungeon for 24 years and fathering her seven children. The parallels led the Polish media to dub Bartoszuk the "Polish Fritzl."

custody since 2008, when his wife and daughter came forward with the allegations. The daughter told police at the time that her father had raped her repeatedly while keeping her captive for six years in a room with no door handles.

She was let out of the room on occasion, including for the births of her two sons in hospitals, police said at the time. The first boy was born in 2005 and the second in 2007. Both times she was accompanied by her father, who forced her to give the children up for adoption.

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# Aussie judge: ISPs not responsible for piracy

**SYDNEY** An Australian judge ruled Thursday that an Internet service provider cannot be held accountable for illegal movie downloads by its customers, in a test case of a key strategy by entertainment companies to combat online piracy.

The judge said it was the first time a court had ruled on the question of whether an ISP should be liable for copyright violations by its users, and one

expert said the decision would have global implications.

A group of 34 movie companies, including Australian branches of Hollywood studios Universal Pictures, Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox, claimed Australia's third-largest Internet provider, iiNet, breached their film copyrights by failing to stop users from illegally downloading files.

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Ketchup giant H.J. Heinz Co. is unveiling the first major packaging change to the standard ketchup packet, which has been around for more than 40 years. The new design has a base that's more like a cup for dipping and also a tear-off end for squeezing, plus it holds three times as much ketchup than a traditional packet. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**New design for Heinz ketchup packs**

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## Business in brief

**TOYOTA** Japan's top business newspaper Nihon Keizai is reporting Toyota Motor Corp. will recall 270,000 Prius hybrid vehicles over brake problems in the United States and Japan. Meanwhile, Toyota Canada says it's aware of a "small number" of reports of what it calls inconsistent brake feel in some of its 2010 Prius hybrids, and Transport Canada is investigating the problem.

**PERMITS** Contractors took out

\$6.2 billion in building permits in December, up 2.4 per cent from November and 32.6 per cent than a year earlier. Statistics Canada attributes the increase entirely to a rise in the non-residential sector.

**STOCK** European stock markets sank Thursday, led by concerns over debt-ridden Greece and Portugal and whether their governments will be able to push through unpopular austerity programs to tame their

ballooning deficits. Greece, under intense pressure from markets and other European Union governments to get a grip on its deficit, faced a first wave of strikes, with customs and tax officials walking off the job for 48 hours.

**CN RAIL** CN, Canada's largest railway, plans to invest \$100 million to set up a new intermodal terminal and warehousing centre near Calgary.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## No quick return to good ol' days: Carney

**Recovery from the global recession is at hand, but Canadian workers and companies should not assume a quick return to the good, old days, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is warning.**

The global recession has dramatically changed the way the world economy will work, he said, and both corporations and labour in Canada will need to make serious adjustments if they want to flourish.

"The thaw is coming," Carney said in the text of a speech to be delivered to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Thursday. "Canada is entering this period of adjustment with many strengths, but the efforts required of us will be

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historic."

Carney is not convinced Canada's private sector has positioned itself to take advantage of the recovery.

While corporate balance sheets are strong and financial conditions are improving, Canadian companies did not invest strategically in their operations during the recession, so their technology is behind the times, the central banker said.

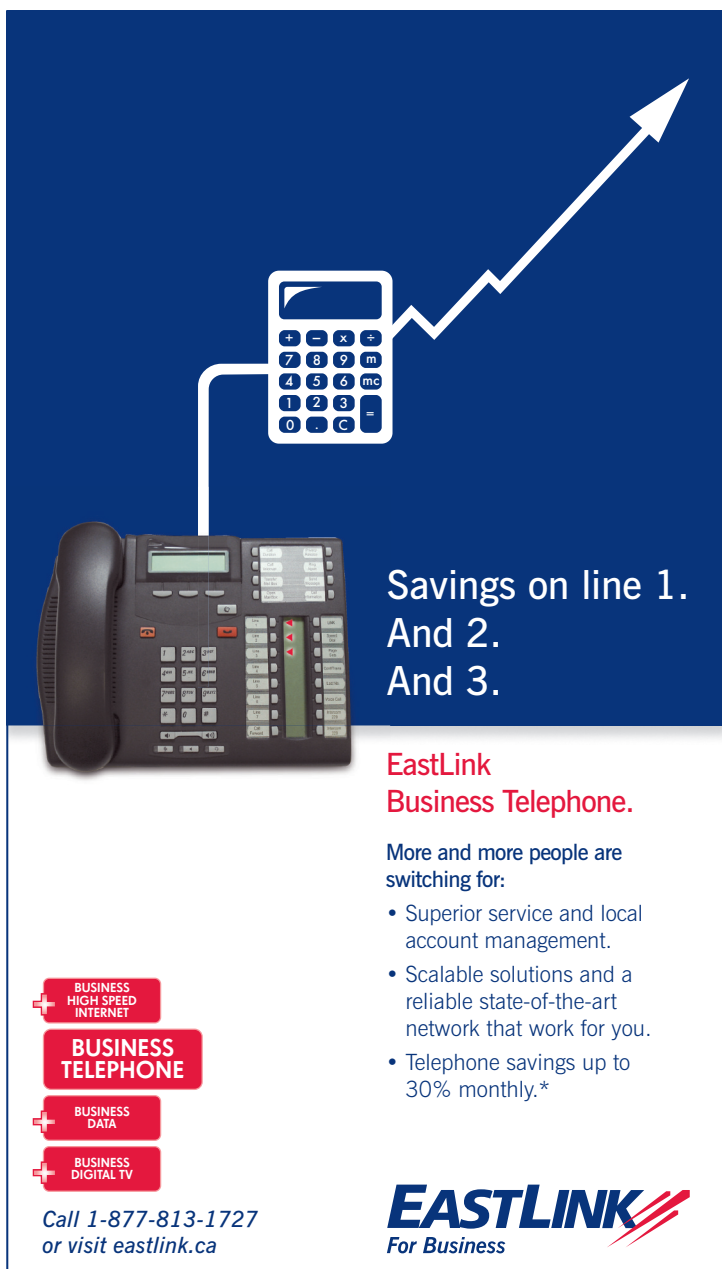
Plus, the competitive position of the U.S. corporate sector is stronger than ever, Carney warned.

Canadian companies can no longer rely on American demand, but they can count on stiffer U.S. competition in global markets, he said.

"In short, Canadian companies are emerging from the recession to an altered world — one that may require deeper restructuring and bolder strategic initiatives than currently contemplated."

Global growth will only resume in fits and starts, he said, and will be led by emerging markets where Canadians have few inroads.

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**E-book battle may be ending soon**

Publisher Macmillan, which has been fighting Amazon.com over e-book prices, said Thursday a resolution was "near at hand." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# The Joojoo jumps in

Tablet to launch by month's end amid controversy

**The Joojoo, a web-browsing tablet device that's the subject of a high-profile legal dispute, appears on track to reach buyers at the end of February.**

The flat touch-screen computer was known until December as the Crunch-Pad, after the technology blog TechCrunch.

It was born from a post by the blog's well-connected and outspoken founder, Michael Arrington, that called for collaborators on a "dead simple and dirt cheap touch screen web tablet."

Singapore-based Chandrasekar Rathakrishnan

**Keeping tabs**

- The tablet landscape has changed dramatically since the Joojoo was unveiled.
- Hewlett-Packard Co., Dell Inc. and others have presented tablet prototypes.
- Apple Inc. took the wraps off a long-anticipated version it calls the iPad.

stepped up. His software startup, Fusion Garage, worked with Arrington until November.

At that point the project imploded, with Fusion Garage announcing it would sell the device un-

der a new name — and without Arrington's involvement.

Despite a federal lawsuit filed by Arrington, Rathakrishnan says production of the Joojoo is under way.

CSL Group, a Malaysia-based mobile phone and netbook maker, is subsidizing production costs in exchange for an undisclosed revenue share, Rathakrishnan said.

Arrington is seeking damages and wants to keep Fusion Garage from selling or profiting from the Joojoo device.

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# Bell spells cash for BCE

**PHONES** BCE Inc., owner of the country's largest phone company, says its acquisition of The Source electronics stores and the remaining half of Virgin Mobile Canada helped increase its fourth-quarter revenues by 3.9 per cent.

BCE's overall revenue rose to \$4.65 billion for the final three months of last year.

Its net earnings in the fourth quarter were \$350 million, or 46 cents per common share. A year earlier, BCE lost \$48 million.

**Wireless competition**

- Bell's wireless division will face growing competition this year as new wireless players enter the market, including Wind Mobile and Quebec-based Videotron.

BCE president and CEO George

Cope said that Bell has bulked up its competitive stance by setting up a faster wireless network, stronger product distribution, and reworking its branding in anticipation of the new entrants.

As usual, Bell Canada provided the biggest share of the company's overall revenue. Bell's sales rose by nearly \$200 million to \$3.98 billion. The Source is a national Canadian retailer ac-

quired last year by BCE after Circuit City went bankrupt and closed its U.S. stores.

It helped Bell increase equipment and other revenue to \$324 million in the quarter. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The Halifax Lions dumped the Pictou County Weeks Crushers 4-1 in Maritime Junior A Hockey League play on Thursday night at the Forum. Robbie Veriker and Wayne Bedeck picked up a goal and an assist each. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Sports

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## Two locals head to Division I

Lower Sackville natives Nkem Ezurike, left, and Jenna Goobie have signed letters of intent to play NCAA Division I women's soccer starting next year. Ezurike, a striker, will play for the Michigan Wolverines and Goobie, a midfielder, will suit up for the Kentucky Wildcats. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Stepping into the spotlight

Overshadowed on draft day, Carl Gelinas is proving to be an impact player

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**Carl Gelinas didn't come with a lot of fanfare when the Halifax Mooseheads drafted him last June.**

On that day, the spotlight was on top picks Brent Andrews and Jamie Bishop and two others drafted before him, as well as the surprise trade of veteran Gabriel O'Connor.

But of all the moves made on a day that will shape the future of the franchise, drafting Gelinas in the fourth round (72nd overall) could ultimately prove to be the smartest.

The 17-year-old left-winger is fourth in Mooseheads scoring with 13 goals and 15 assists for 28 points in 52 games and is among the top 15 rookie scorers in the QMJHL.

"When I came here, in my head, it was just, 'Work hard and I'll get ice time,'" said Gelinas, who has earned shifts on the top line and No. 1 power-play unit over the past month. "But the coaches have confidence in me and I've gotten a more ice time. I'm scoring goals and points and I'm happy."

Gelinas has already matched his goal total from last season, when he



Rookie Carl Gelinas is fourth on the Mooseheads in scoring with 13 goals and 15 assists in 52 games.

totalled 37 points in 40 games while playing for Trois Rivières of the Quebec Midget AAA League.

"Last year, I was not the guy who would score a lot

of goals," he said. "I've scored more here than I did in midget. Maybe I like this league more. It's a good fit for me."

Gelinas is quick to say

the transition off the ice has been more of a challenge than it has on the ice. The Shawinigan, Que., native only spoke French when he arrived in Halifax

## This weekend

- The last-place Halifax Mooseheads (11-37-4) host the first-place Saint John Sea Dogs (42-8-1) on Friday at 7 p.m. and the seventh-place Cape Breton Screaming Eagles (30-18-5) on Saturday at 7 p.m.. The Herd has lost two straight and five of its past six.
- Forwards Gerrard Grant (ankle) and Alex Lemieux (mono) and defencemen Steve Gillard (shoulder) are questionable. Forward Bradley MacDonald (shoulder) should play.

and is attending Prince Andrew, an English high school.

"At school and all that stuff, it was really hard, but I think in a few years it will be good," Gelinas said.

The five-foot-11 171-pounder's emergence is great news for a team rebuilding for the 2011-12 campaign.

"No one really knew who he was, but he's certainly made a name for himself," said right-winger Travis Randall, a linemate of Gelinas. "If he keeps improving like he has this season, no doubt about it — he's going to be a great player."

## Kovalchuk dealt to Devils

**TRADE** Ilya Kovalchuk has been traded to the New Jersey Devils, matching one of the Eastern Conference's top teams with one of the game's most dangerous snipers.

The Atlanta Thrashers felt forced to trade their captain after failing to resign him and received forward Niclas Bergfors, defenceman Johnny Oduya, prospect Patrice Cormier and a 2010 first-round pick from the Devils on Thursday night.

New Jersey also received defenceman Anssi Salmela in the deal and the teams swapped 2010 second-round draft picks.

Kovalchuk leads all NHLers with 328 goals since being drafted first overall by Atlanta in 2001.

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Ilya Kovalchuk

## Sports in brief

**CURLING** Canada's Jennifer Jones scored five in the fourth end en route to an 11-4 win over Nova Scotia's Nancy McConnery as Draw 16 came to a close at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Thursday afternoon. Jones scored one in the tenth end to beat Ontario's Krista MacCarville 6-5 on Thursday night and clinch a spot in Friday's page playoff.

**NHL** Brian Gionta beat Tuukka Rask for the only goal in a shootout and the Montreal Canadiens sent the free-falling Boston Bruins to their ninth straight loss, 3-2 on Thursday night. The Bruins, 1-9-3 in their last 13 games, blew a two-goal lead, then extended the second-longest losing streak in franchise history.

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## Rainmen play it cool

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Coming off perhaps the biggest win in franchise history, the Halifax Rainmen are leery of a letdown.

The Rainmen, who made a statement last Sunday by beating the two-time defending Premier Basketball League champion Rochester RazorSharks, face the less formidable Buffalo Stampede on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Metro Centre.

The Stampede have won just three of 27 games in franchise history and just changed head coaches on Thursday.

"There's no fanfare," said Rainmen head coach Les Berry. "These guys aren't someone with the reputation of Rochester ... But I've

played Buffalo once (last season when they were 1-19) and it was a one-point game with five seconds to go.

"Everybody in this league can play."

The Rainmen, 5-2, have won five of six games and boast one of the PBL's best defences (97 points per game).

Six-foot-10 Marc Mazur, signed two weeks ago, has given the Rainmen the post presence they've been looking for, averaging 7.6 points, 5.4 rebounds and 26 minutes.

But Berry figures it's easy to get complacent.

He wasn't happy watching Rochester drop 60 second-half points on his squad last Sunday and doesn't want his offence to settle for as many jump shots as



Marc Mazur

they have been.

"We didn't get extra points for beating Rochester, Oklahoma or anyone else," Berry said. "It's just one game. Now it's Buffalo and we've got to win that game. It's just as important in the standings and hopefully these guys get that."



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## Only two unbeaten teams remain at Molson Tankard

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Mayflower skips Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc and Jamie Murphy are the only unbeaten teams at the Molson Tankard and face each other on Friday in a showdown for a playoff spot.

Fitzner-LeBlanc, a finalist last year, earned a pair of wins at the Nova Scotia men's curling championship at the Mayflower Curling Club on Thursday, defeating unaffiliated Chris Sutherland 9-4 and Mayflower's Brent MacDougall 8-4. His rink features Stuart MacLean, Kent Smith and Philip Crowell.

Murphy, along with Jordan Pinder, Jon Wambach

and Donald Macdermaid, beat Mayflower's Doug MacKenzie 9-4 to improve upon his 2-0 record from opening day.

MacKenzie and Sutherland are 2-1.

Top seed Shawn Adams, a three-time Tankard winner from Mayflower, lost 6-5 to Mark Kehoe on Thursday to fall to 1-2, while defending champion Mark Dacey, has the same record after splitting a pair of games Thursday.

The 16-team event qualifies four teams for the Page playoffs. The semifinal is Sunday at 9 a.m. with the championship following at 2 p.m. The winner gets Nova Scotia's spot at next month's Tim Hortons Brier at the Metro Centre.



### Canadians want to see the ads not the game: Poll

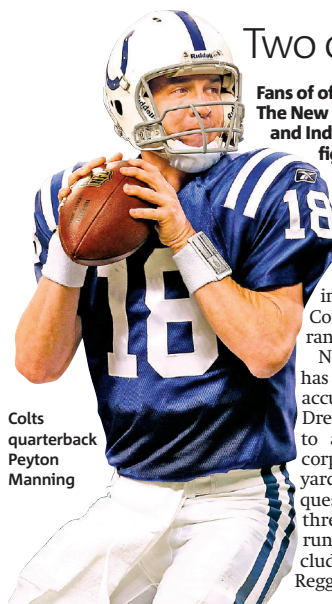
More Canadians were interested in watching the Super Bowl ads this coming Sunday than the big game itself, according to a new poll. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates 43 per cent of the people polled hope to see the high-priced commercials, even if they have no intention of watching the game itself. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Super Bowl XLIV

## Offences expected to dominate

Two of football's best quarterbacks should put on a show to remember



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning

**Fans of offence, rejoice! The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts figure to pile on the points in Sunday's Super Bowl.**

The Saints scored a league-high 510 points and ranked first in total offence. The Colts scored 416 and ranked ninth.

New Orleans (15-3) has the game's most accurate quarterback, Drew Brees, throwing to a deep receiving corps led by 1,000-yard wideout Marques Colston. He has three dependable running backs, including the mercurial Reggie Bush. Both his

### SUPER BOWL PREVIEW

#### Colts vs. Saints



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tight ends, Jeremy Shockey and David Thomas, find holes in the middle of defences and move the chains.

Indianapolis (16-2) offers Peyton Manning, the only four-time MVP, throwing to a deep group of targets led by two 1,000-yard receivers: Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark.

And while the Colts' D has been stingy in the play-offs and the Saints force lots of turnovers, this could be a matchup that wears out the scoreboard at Sun Life Stadium.

Indy, winner of the last Super Bowl here three years ago, is a five-point favourite.

"We have to be balanced and mix the run and the pass," Brees said. "We have to have a plan for their pass rush, because we know how they can rush the passer. Take care of the football, try to keep Peyton and that offence off the field as much as possible and take advantage of the opportunities when we get them."

Still, the key to the game will be Manning against a

vulnerable New Orleans defence. And that's the difference.

When Darrelle Revis, the best cover cornerback in the league, blanketed Wayne in the AFC title game, Manning looked elsewhere. Youngsters Pierre Garcon and Austin Collie were unstoppable.

Bottom line: Manning may be playing the best football of his sensational career — certainly good enough to win the Colts' second NFL championship in four seasons.

**Prediction: Colts, 37-27**

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Saints running back Reggie Bush

## Individual matchups will play big part in game's outcome

**NFL** Here are some of the key matchups to watch for during the Super Bowl between the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints in Miami on Sunday: **When the Colts have the ball**

The Saints' chore on defence is obvious yet very complicated — stop Peyton Manning.

Manning has been marvellous again this season, winning an unprecedented fourth MVP award.

New Orleans must find a pass rush, and DE Will Smith was second in the NFC with 13 sacks. But the Saints have only one in the playoffs, even though they regularly hit Brett Favre last



Saints All-Pro safety Darren Sharper, right, will be tasked with trying to shut down Colts tight end Dallas Clark Sunday.

week. DT Sedrick Ellis, DE Bobby McCray and linebackers Jon Vilma, Scott Fujita and Scott Shanle need to pressure Manning, or he will use a deep collection of receivers to pick apart the

Saints.

All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark versus another All-Pro, safety Darren Sharper, will be a juicy matchup. Clark had 100 receptions this season, and Sharper

was tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, running back three for scores. The ball-hawking Saints forced 39 turnovers.

### When the Saints have the ball

New Orleans scored 510 points to lead the league and has 76 in two playoff games. The Saints have gotten everyone involved, with Drew Brees, the NFL's most accurate passer, throwing for six TDs while not being intercepted.

So DEs Robert Mathis and All-Pro Dwight Freeney need to get in his face rapidly, but Freeney is plagued by ligament damage in his right ankle and his availability will be a game-time

decision. If the Colts can't get a decent pass rush, Brees will find WRs Marques Colston, Devery Henderson, Robert Meachem, and Lance Moore, and TE's Jeremy Shockey and David Thomas. Shockey has been plagued by right knee problems and Thomas has capably filled in.

Dynamic running back Reggie Bush often is a make-or-break proposition for New Orleans, and he's most dangerous in the passing game. Nose tackle Dan Muir and LBs Gary Brackett and Clint Session are the keys to slowing the running attack led by Pierre Thomas, Bush and Mike Bell.

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### Wacky bets

- The Super Bowl is one of the busiest days of the year in sports gambling. Every year bookmakers come up with new ways to entice bettors to part with their money. Here are some of the weirder ones on bodog.com.
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- What colour will the Gatorade be that is dumped on the head coach of the winning Super Bowl Team?
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## Friendly territory awaits Canadians

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In one week's time a generation of athletes born in the land of ice and snow will finally get their chance to play a home game and race over familiar terrain with pride on the line.

Cross-country skier Chandra Crawford won't apologize for feeling more than a little festive.

"As if having the Olympics here in Canada wasn't already an incredible opportunity," the 2006 gold medalist says from her native Canmore, Alta. "The icing on the cake is having the last World

Cup before the big Games here at home."

Crawford and her teammates have proven in the past they know what it takes to succeed in their own backyard. Balance and peace of mind go hand in hand with eating food you're used to and getting the rare chance to sleep in your own bed.

In cross-country skiing, Canadians are the underdogs — the exceptions to the rule being the big races that are occasionally staged in Alberta's Rocky Mountains or the trails of interior British Columbia.

At the 1988 Olympic site in Canmore, and at Silver Star near Kelowna, the Canucks tend to fight for the podium and sometimes win.

Olympic medallists Beckie Scott, Sara Renner and Chandra Crawford are a testament to that. It's a history that fuels Crawford's optimism as she tunes up for Vancouver/Whistler 2010.

"It's making for amazing preparation," she says. "Nowhere do I feel more grounded and supported and able to ski my best than in the stadium where I first tried cross-country skiing 25 years ago at the age of one."

The place where dreams begin is often the same place where they are realized. It's all about having the comfort to compete on your own terms.

"I find myself feeling that 'ready-to-fly' state of mind," Crawford explains. "It's thanks to all of the smiles and encouragement I get by just being here and knowing all of the volunteers by name."

It must be so satisfying to race when everyone knows and cares about you. Maybe it's the homecoming all Canadian athletes can count on at the most important time of their lives.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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# Gifts & Getaways

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## 5 spots to propose

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Halifax

A bejewelled city nestled in a ring of ocean and forest, Halifax and its environs offer plenty of perfect spots to pop the question. Metro scoured the city and humbly suggests these five locations to make sure your "Will you?" lands an "I do."

**1 Hemlock Ravine:**

The park off the Bedford Basin was the love nest for Prince Edward and Julie St. Laurent in the late 1700s. Before Edward had to break it off for political reasons, the story is that he engraved her initials with the park's paths and dug a heart-shaped pond to commemorate their love. Tell her your love will last for centuries, too.

**2 McNabs Island:**

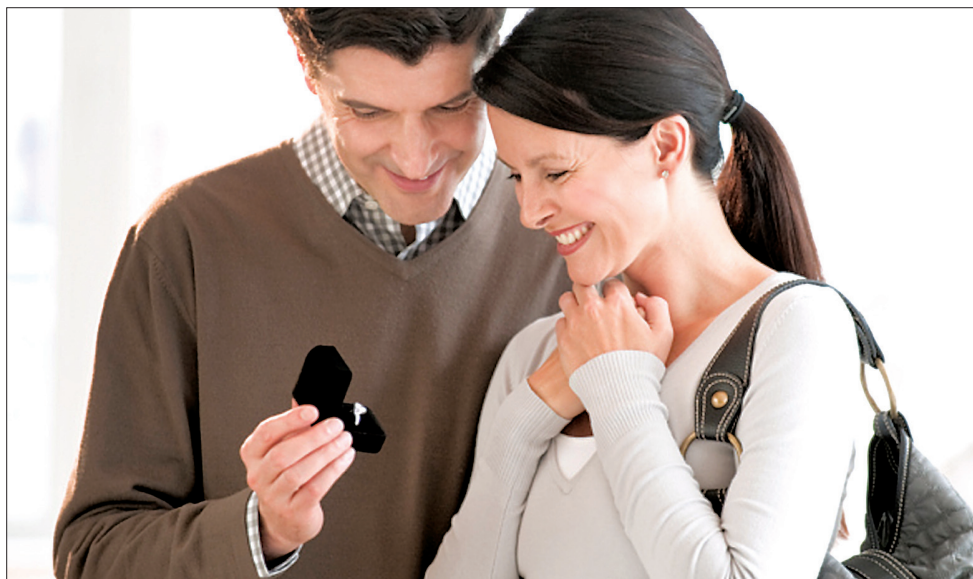
You can see the island's lighthouse from all of Halifax, meaning it will always be a beacon to remind you of the special day. Drive to Fisherman's Cove, book passage with Captain Mike (465-4563), hike to the lighthouse and ask her if she'll be the light of your life.

**3 Lawrencetown Beach:**

This long sweep of ocean is an easy trip from downtown, but it feels like another world. In the winter, it's cold and mostly abandoned to the crashing waves and vast sky, so you'll have a stretch of personal paradise to stroll along before pulling out the ring.

**4 Halifax Harbour:**

If you've got deep pockets or nautical friends,



There are plenty of options available if you're looking for a special place to propose to your sweetheart in Halifax next weekend.

charter a sail boat to take you on a tour of the harbour and down the Northwest Arm. With the glittering city as your backdrop and lapping waves as your soundtrack, drop to one knee and ask him if he'll

be your Valentine forever. If you're on a budget, hop on the ferry and add lots of pizzazz.

**5 A favourite place:**

Metro can't help too much with this one, but

search your brain for that special spot. Did she take long walks in Point Pleasant Park wishing she wasn't so lonesome before she met you? Did she sit in the Public Gardens and wonder where her Prince

Charming was? Did she have lonely meals at the Atlantica Hotel overlooking the Willow Tree Intersection? Take her there and ask her if she'll make you forever lonesome no more.

## Unique ways to spend Valentine's include skydiving, picnic

RICHARD WOODBURY  
for Metro Halifax

If a romantic candlelit dinner isn't on the radar for Valentine's Day, perhaps skydiving or a picnic might be. Here are a few suggestions for some truly different things to try.

Depending on the weather, skydiving can be

done year-round at the Atlantic School of Skydiving in Waterville. Instructor Dave Williamson says the ideal winter temperature for a skydive is -5C on a sunny day.

"There's nothing you can think about other than being in the moment when you're skydiving," he says.

The best option is the tandem jump. This is

where participants jump with the instructor using a special parachute for two from an altitude of 10,000 feet. The cost is \$270.

Williamson says sometimes couples show up to skydive with only one partner intending on doing it, but once there, the other will change his or her mind.

For those looking to take advantage of the outdoors

from the ground, a trail ride might be in order.

"It's fresh, it's crisp out there, the scenery is particular, there's wildlife," says Crystal Sheffield of Evangeline Farms in Canning.

It might just also be the ideal spot to be on Valentine's Day.

"We have had a few people propose on our trails," says Sheffield.

The rides are an hour long and are \$40 per hour per person (or \$25 with a reservation).

For those looking to lace up their skates, both the Bedford Arena and the Gray Arena in Dartmouth are offering open skates on Valentine's Day.

If you're interested in peering into the future, get a tarot reading at Little Mys-

teries. The Sunday readings with Nerissa are \$20 for 15 minutes, \$30 for 30 minutes and \$50 for 60 minutes.

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Spa treatments for couples are popular for Valentine's Day.

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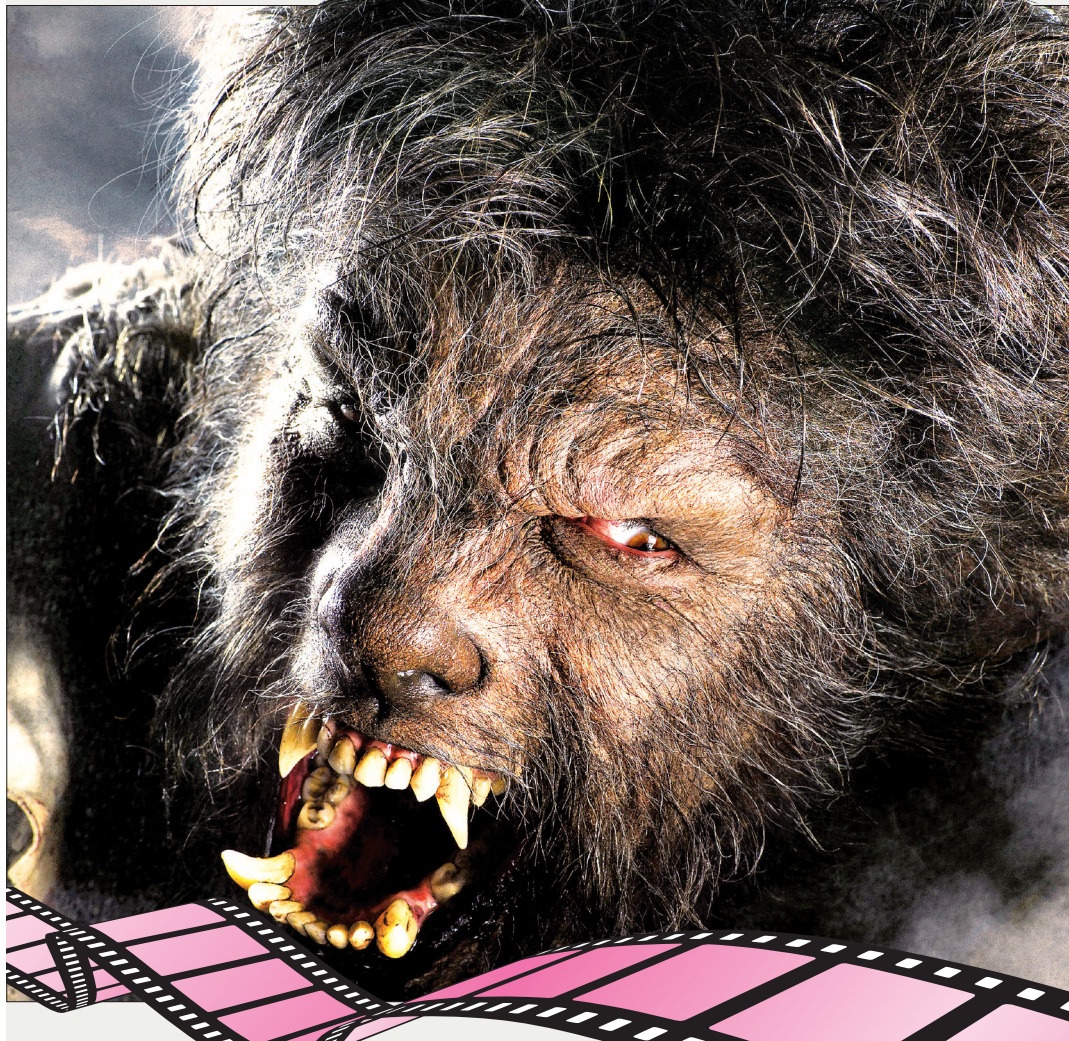
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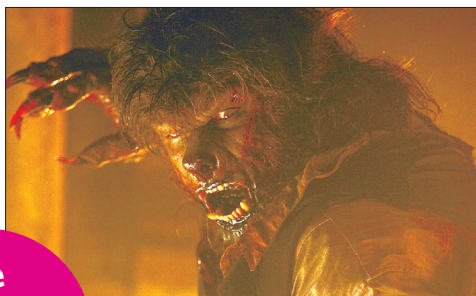
# The beast rises again

## Don't bark at New Moon, The Wolfman's here

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
for Metro Canada

In the annals of monster-dom, the werewolf is perhaps the most misunderstood. Steeped in myth, he is really just the Freudian "id" with fangs, let loose to wreak animalistic, moon-fuelled havoc.

But when it comes to cinema, the werewolf's initial incarnation wasn't entirely literal. Writer Robert Louis Stevenson first explored the themes of primal duality with his famous 1866 novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and the silent 1920 film version with John Barrymore made it flesh.



The Wolfman follows in the footsteps of classics such as *An American Werewolf in London*.

**The Wolfman opens next Friday**

"I always loved the ferocity of that story, the unchained animal hiding within, ready to erupt," says Tony Timpane, longtime editor of legendary horror magazine *Fangoria*.

In 1941, Universal Pictures unleashed the origi-

nal *The Wolf Man* starring Lon Chaney Jr. as a young man cursed with wolfism by a vengeful gypsy and whose unfortunate reign of terror could only be brought down by a silver bullet.

In 1981, with the advent of prosthetic special effects, John Landis' *An*

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## Ticket to hankie heaven

### Dear John

Director: Lasse Hallström

Stars: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Dear John is the latest romantic weepy adapted from a novel by Nicholas Sparks (*A Walk to Remember*, *The Notebook*). Like all previous movies to spring from his sentimental pen, Dear John doesn't take place in the reality.

If you like watching pretty actors mope around and pine for each other with virginal purity and no emotional complexity, then this movie is for you. It's the cinematic equivalent of a Hallmark card.

The film follows two 20-somethings named John and Savannah who embark on a two-week summer love affair. He's an

army lad on leave with a mildly autistic father and she's a sensitive college student with an interest in mental illness. In short, they are made (or written) for each other and their relationship blooms through snail mail as John serves in the army. John's plan to come home is interrupted by 9/11 and he re-enlists, but she can't wait any longer.

This leads to heartbreak until it turns out the Savannah falls for the one man who John can accept because he suffers from cancer and therefore wins audience sympathy by default.

With long passages dedicated to war torn lovers, autism, cancer, and September 11, it's like getting four melodramas for the price of one.

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## From Paris with mess

### From Paris with Love

**Director:** Pierre Morel

**Stars:** John Travolta, Jonathan Rhys Meyers

**Classification:** 14A

**Rating:** \*\*

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** From Paris with Love sees action guru Luc Besson (Leon: The Professional) reunite with Pierre Morel in an attempt to repeat the surprise success that they had with last year's *Taken*.

This time the producer/director team have embraced a lighter tone by pairing two Johns (Travolta and Rhys Meyers) in an action buddy comedy set in Paris.

On paper the film sounds like it could be a fun explosion and one-liner packed romp, but sadly it doesn't live up to those expectations. There's a resounding sense that we've seen it all before and the two lead actors are distractingly miscast.

Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays an uptight go-getter trying to worm his way into the CIA who is assigned to escorting John Travolta's experienced special agent through a bullet-filled trip to Paris. Rhys Meyers insists on doing everything by the book, but Travolta just can't play by the rules.

## Bridges real deal

### Crazy Heart

**Director:** Scott Cooper

**Stars:** Jeff Bridges, Maggie Gyllenhaal

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*

**REVIEW** In some not too far-fetched parallel universe, Jeff Bridges really might be living the life of a boozy country singer.

Bridges seems like the real thing in *Crazy Heart*, rasping out songs in the comfortable remnants of a whiskey-and-tobacco-seared voice that you might swear you've heard on a hundred jukeboxes.

It's not a great singing voice, but it's soulful, and Bridges matches it with one of the finest performances of his career, just playing the hell out of this guy whose self-abuse has carried him to a precipice.

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# Romance written in the stars

## Director gathers huge A-list cast for Valentine's

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News

**To wrangle an all-star cast as large as the one in Valentine's Day, it takes a very particular director, and TV and film veteran Garry Marshall was just the man for the job.**

The king of the romantic comedy, with films like *Pretty Woman*, *Runaway Bride*, *Frankie & Johnny* and *Overboard* under his belt, the 75-year-old writer, director and merry prankster knew just what the trick for getting the most impressive cast of big-name actors possible.

"I always like to shoot in L.A., because in that case you usually pick up the mothers," Marshall says,

grinning. "We get a list of those people, we know they might be around. I was glad to see Julia Roberts, because she was about to take her family to India, so I said, 'Why don't you stay in the neighbourhood for a few days here? We'll do a picture.'" Re-teaming with Roberts was a particular treat. "Julia's just so calm now and centred and together," Marshall says of his leading lady. "I went from when she was a kid to 'I'm engaged!' and to a mom of three great kids."

But it wasn't just a re-



Patrick Dempsey and Jennifer Garner get cosy in *Valentine's Day*.

**Valentine's Day opens next Friday**

union for director and actress. "Some of the crew I had on *Valentine's Day* was the same crew I had on *Pretty Woman*, so she was happy to see everybody," Marshall.

Marshall was also excit-

ed to work with Ashton Kutcher. "I said to Ashton, 'You know, I can make you charming. I know you like to play pranks and jump around. But you're very charming when you're just talking, me and you.'"

But Marshall, himself a fan of a good practical joke, got caught up in Kutcher's Punk'd spirit. "In the opening scene, when he wakes up Jessica Alba, we had a ski mask on him," Marshall recalls. Soon enough, the director was playing pranks on other members of the cast.

"When Taylor Lautner opens this box, this lovely gift, Taylor Swift had slipped in a picture of herself autographed to him," he says.

Before his successful film career, Marshall was already a titan in television, having created such classic sitcoms as *Happy Days*, *Laverne & Shirley* and *The Odd Couple*. He's glad to see TV comedy making a resurgence.

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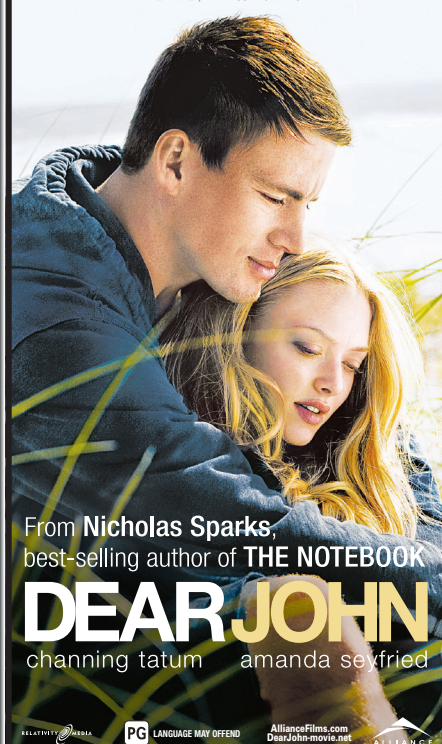
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## Music

# Hot Chip heats up iPad sets new music course

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada

**Among all of the brash, oversexed dance music out there — Ke\$ha and Lady Gaga to name two — lives a mild manner British act that's taken the club scene by storm.**

Hot Chip aren't your typical band, they're quiet family men for the most part, but their inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made them one of the most sought after acts around.

Owen Clarke, who plays guitar, bass and synth in the five-piece, admits that they don't fit in with their contemporaries, and while they're not quite outsiders as one of his bandmates once said, they've never been part of a specific scene.

"There are usually a few scenes going on at once that are quite overblown," he says as he sits on a train in England. "Some of it is overblown. We're making records for ourselves. We're not quite outsiders, but Hot Chip is kind of an island."

That island is growing, as more and more fans, particularly in North America, get to know the band. Their last disc, *Made in the Dark*, peaked at No. 109 on the Billboard 100 chart and reached No. 2 on Billboard's Top Electronic Albums chart.



Inventive electro sounds and infectious melodies have made Hot Chip one of the most sought after acts around. The British five piece released new album *One Life Stand* earlier this week.

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Owen Clarke

Clarke chalks up the group's overseas success — something that eludes many U.K. acts — to the advantage of time. "It's been really gradual," he explains. "We haven't been rammed down anyone's throats and played lots of shows in the States in various forms over the year."

With all their recent success, you might think the band would try to emulate their popular last record, but instead the group has made a pretty significant departure. *One Life Stand* is filled with soft soul songs and saccharine lyrics about love. There are some familiar dance tracks, complete

with blips and synth, but a song like *Slush*, which sounds a lot like an old, Elvis-style R&B track, is something totally different.

Part of the change had to do with the band's recording schedule. They took a year off touring to focus on writing music and, says Clarke, they didn't spend much time listening to other acts.

"We wrote almost in isolation," he says. "That meant other influences emerged. Soul has always been on our previous records, but other things, maybe more grabby elements, stopped people from hearing that."

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Now that Steve Jobs has shown us the iPad, let's speculate on what it might mean for music.

**The resurrection of album artwork:** The awesome screen could not only bring back album artwork and liner note, but why not full-motion displays for each song? Interactive liner notes? Parallel song-by-song commentary by the artist or producer that runs through the album just like we have with DVDs?

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**More impulse purchases:**

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**The end of traditional printed music magazines:**

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### Television

# Exploring an extraordinary life

Autistic, brilliant scientist: HBO film looks at a unique woman's story

**When actress Catherine O'Hara came face-to-face with the remarkable woman whose life story is told in the made-for-TV movie, Temple Grandin, she says she was overcome with a desire to hug the brilliant scientist.**

Trouble is, she knew that Grandin's autism meant she had an intense aversion to being touched.

"When you hear her story, you really do, you just want to hug this woman," the gregarious O'Hara exclaims during a recent stop in Toronto to promote the film.

"Just because she's amazing and you want to be as near to her as you can be."

Her recent meeting with the renowned scientist is

top-of-mind as she discusses her latest film, Temple Grandin, airing Saturday on HBO Canada.

O'Hara plays Grandin's Aunt Ann in the film, which traces an incredible story of perseverance and passion.

The movie begins with Grandin as a frustrated teen labelled unteachable, and follows her blossoming interest in science and a unique empathy for animals that eventually makes her an expert on animal behaviour and autism.

Claire Danes plays Grandin, a task that involved adopting a slew of quirky mannerisms that include a heavy-footed gait, childlike enthusiasm and an odd, declarative speaking tone.

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Catherine O'Hara, left, and Claire Danes star in the story of brilliant scientist Temple Grandin.

"She's just so totally this woman," O'Hara marvels.

Danes' research for the role included weeks of reading on autism, as well as observing autistic girls and studying Grandin's unique cadence and speech patterns.

O'Hara's Aunt Ann owns a cattle farm where Grandin spends the sum-

mer as a teen. It's there that the curious animal lover develops a fascination for cows and their mannerisms, and takes note of such peculiarities as the movement of a horse's ears and the different types of moos that cows make.

From there, Grandin goes on to study animal be-

haviour at university and develops a new way of cattle handling that revolutionizes the way livestock is raised for slaughter. She's now professor of animal science at Colorado State University, the author of an array of books and a frequent speaker on autism.

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- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2/3 cup Cheez Whiz Process Cheese Product
- 1 pkg. (235 g) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

**Make it**

HEAT oven to 400°F.

BROWN ground beef with bacon and onions in large skillet; drain. Stir in Cheez Whiz; cook until melted, stirring frequently. Cool 10 min.

UNROLL dough onto baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.

Press into 14x7-inch rectangle, firmly pressing seams and perforations together to seal. Cover with meat mixture. Roll up dough, starting at 1 long side. Rearrange, if necessary, so roll is seam-side down on baking sheet.

BAKE 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown.

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# Stewart-O'Reilly showdown

Comic Jon Stewart told conservative TV host Bill O'Reilly that he has become the voice of sanity on Fox News Channel, although "that's like being the thinnest kid at fat camp."

The host of The Daily Show and Fox's kingpin exchanged some good-natured shots Wednesday during Stewart's appearance on a network he relishes mocking. Stewart tossed off jokes but also criticized Fox for being a "cyclonic perpetual motion machine" opposing President Barack Obama.

"They have taken reasonable concerns about this president and this economy and turned it into a full-fledged panic attack about the next coming of Chairman Mao," Stewart said.

O'Reilly said the Obama attacks were primarily coming from Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, who have two of the highest-rated programs on Fox. O'Reilly called Beck an "everyman."

"He just spouts," O'Reilly said. "He spouts for what he believes. If you think Beck spouts for the Republican Party, you're out of your

mind." Fox cut off the taped interview at that point, saying more would be shown Thursday.

Both men have appeared on each other's show before, but it was Stewart's first time back since 2004. O'Reilly annoyed Comedy Central by calling Stewart's audience primarily "stoned slackers"; on Wednesday, he amended it to "stoned slackers who love Obama."

Fox "is the most passionate and sells the clearest narrative of all the news networks, if ... you're still



John Stewart

referring to it in that manner," Stewart said.

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FRIDAY	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
spots	prime	time	25/10		31 31 31 ABC News Center	World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Supernanny (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20		
		7 7 7 ASN			The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order "Fed"	Law & Order: Special Victims	Comedy Now			
		11 11 11 CBC			Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: The fifth estate	The Hour (N)			
		32 32 32 CBS			WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS (N)		
		6 6 6 CHH			Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)	House "Instant Karma"	House "Instant Karma"	Shark Tank (N)	News Final (N)		
		9 9 9 CCH			etalk	Access H.	Flashpoint (DVS)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	CTV News		
		36 36 36 FOX			Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Instant Karma"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	Fox First		
		12 12 12 NBC			News	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Law & Order "Fed"	Dateline NBC	Jay Leno		
		55 55 55 SCOR			HSR	Covers	Aussie Millions '09	WWE SmackDown!			X-Fighters		
		53 53 53 TSN			Curling	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	Curling Scoties	Tournament of Hearts. (Live)				
		16 16 16 A&E			CSI: Miami "10-7"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal			
		70 70 70 APTN			APTN News	APTN InFocus	Fish Out of	Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	The Untouchables (1987, Crime Drama)		
		37 37 37 BRVO			Emily of New Moon		Takao Tanabe: A Work of Art	Bravo/FACT	Cover Stories	White Collar (N)	Dexter		
		49 49 49 COM			Just for Laughs		Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Now	
		18 18 18 CNN			(6) The Situation Room With Wolf	Blitzer (N)			Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360		
		38 38 38 DISC			Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs	Man vs. Wild "Texas"	Somali Pirate		
		48 48 48 HGTV			Extreme Makeover: Home	House	Property	World's	Location, Location, Location	Location, Location, Location	House		
		46 46 46 HIST			Sinking a Destroyer	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect		The Jackal ** (1997, Suspense)				
		17 17 17 MM			Love Court	My Date	Secret Life of American Teen	The Vampire Diaries	Uptown Girls ** (2003, Comedy)	Coming Home *** (1978, Drama)			
		206 206 206 PIX			Time of the Wolf (2002, Drama)		Post Concussion	** (1999)					
		39 39 39 SHOW			Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		Poison Ivy: The Secret Society (2008, Drama)		Kenny vs.		
		40 40 40 SLICE			What	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		
		21 21 21 TLC			Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear (N)	Say Yes		
		22 22 22 W			House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny		How to Look Good Naked	Step Up ** (2006, Musical)	Mario		
		27 27 27 YTV			iCarly	To Be Indie	Zoom * (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen, Spencer Breslin.		That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol		

SATURDAY	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
spots	prime	time	26/10		31 31 31 ABC News Center	World News	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)				
		7 7 7 ASN			The Road to Avonlea		Forgiveness-Stories		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama) (DVS)				Atlantis
		11 11 11 CBC			National	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Regional Coverage	(HDTV) (Live)	Front of the Class (2008, Docudrama)	Patricia Heaton.			NHL Hockey
		32 32 32 CBS			WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy!					48 Hours.
		6 6 6 CHH			renewed	Jane Show	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense)	Tracey Gold.			Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)
		9 9 9 CCH			The Great Tournament		Sid vs. Alexander		Cool Runnings *** (1993, Comedy-Drama) Leon.				CTV News
		36 36 36 FOX			Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Budweiser Shootout.				Fox First
		12 12 12 NBC			News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Mercy "Wake Up, Bill"	Law & Order "Shotgun"			Law & Order
		55 55 55 SCOR			MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		Score Rewind	Cabby Unlimit	Score Now	Footy Show	Hockey Sat.
		53 53 53 TSN			SportsCentre (Live)		Curling Scoties Tournament of Hearts. Semifinal. From the ESSAR Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.						
		16 16 16 A&E			Steven Seagal	Steven Seagal	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
		70 70 70 APTN			Hockey	The Mix	MTV	Rez Tunez	Blackfly	Rad Planet * (2000, Science Fiction)			
		37 37 37 BRVO			Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Spectacle: Elvis		Star Portraits	Books-Film	A Beautiful Mind (2001, Biography)		
		49 49 49 COM			VIP	Let Your Ass	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Corner Gas	TBA	The Simpsons	South Park	John Oliver
		18 18 18 CNN			Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
		38 38 38 DISC			Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm		Vermintors
		34 48 48 HGTV			Holmes on Homes		Filpping Out		Million Dollar Listing	Property	Price		Makeover
		46 46 46 HIST			Ancients Behaving Badly		Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		Assassination of Jesse James		
		17 17 17 MM			The Vampire Diaries		Uptown Girls ** (2003, Comedy)	Brittany Murphy.			Muchmusic Countdown		
		206 206 206 PIX			(6:15) Be Cool (2005)		(8:15) Get Carter * (2000, Suspense)				Rudy *** (1993, Drama)	Sean Astin.	
		39 39 39 SHOW			Wife Swap		Slings and Arrows		The Perfect Child (2007, Drama)	Rebecca Budig.	30 Days-Night		
		40 40 40 SLICE			Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives, Orange		Project Runway
		21 21 21 TLC			Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddler-Tiara
		22 22 22 W			(5:30) She's the Man **		What a Girl Wants * (2003, Comedy-Drama)	Colin Firth.			Hairspray *** (2007, Musical Comedy)		
		27 27 27 YTV			Superman: Brainiac Attacks (2006)		League-Evil		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This

SUNDAY	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
spots	prime	time	27/10		31 31 31 ABC News Center	World News	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Family	The Middle	Family	Cougar Town	Family
		7 7 7 ASN			The Road to Avonlea		TMZ (N)		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama) (DVS)				Nip/Tuck
		11 11 11 CBC			Heartland (DVS)		Poison: Third Girl (2008, Mystery)	David Suchet.			CBC News: The National		Carbon Hunter
		32 32 32 CBS			Kick-Off Show (7:25) NFL Football Super Bowl XLIV - Indianapolis Colts vs. New Orleans Saints. (HDTV) (Live)								Undercover
		6 6 6 CHH			16:9-Picture	Family	The Simpsons	Brothers & Sisters	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
		9 9 9 CCH			Kick-Off Show (7:25) NFL Football Super Bowl XLIV - Indianapolis Colts vs. New Orleans Saints. (HDTV) (Live)								CTV News
		36 36 36 FOX			Cold Case "Stalker"		"Til Death (N)"	"Til Death (N)"	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
		12 12 12 NBC			News	NBC News	The Biggest Loser	Strenuous bike challenge.			(10:04) The Biggest Loser		
		55 55 55 SCOR			Score Today		The WWE Experience		MMA Fight Night				Score Now
		53 53 53 TSN			SportsCentre	Torino	Olympics: On Home Ice		The Great Tournament		Sid vs. Alexander		SportsCentre
		16 16 16 A&E			CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal		Criminal
		70 70 70 APTN			Investigates	APTN InFocus	Canadian Geographic		Call of the Wild "The Arrival"		Gangs of New York (2002, Historical Drama)		
		37 37 37 BRVO			Spectacle: Elvis		Bravo/FACT Presents		Des McAnuff-Life-Stages		Erin Brockovich *** (2000, Drama)		
		49 49 49 COM			VIP	Let Your Ass	Laughs	Laughs	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	The Simpsons	South Park	Tosh.0
		18 18 18 CNN			Newsroom		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom
		38 38 38 DISC			MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters
		48 48 48 HGTV			Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	Sarah's House	House-Bryan
		46 46 46 HIST			Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Ancient Discoveries		Underworld Histories		Gangs of New York *** (2002)		
		17 17 17 MM			Make It or Break It		America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance				Dance Crew
		206 206 206 PIX			Any Given	(7:45) The Sum of All Fears *** (2002, Suspense)		Ben Affleck.			Network (1976, Comedy-Drama)		
		39 39 39 SHOW			Pursuit-Happy.		Kink in Hair	Cra\$h & Burn	A Woman's Rage (2008, Suspense)		Brandy Ledford.		Damages (N)
		40 40 40 SLICE			Til Debt-Part		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part
		21 21 21 TLC			Cake Boss		Cake Boss	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear		What Not
		22 22 22 W			Hairspray		Hwd 10 Best	Supernanny		How to Look Good Naked		Deception	
		27 27 27 YTV			Superman Returns *** (2006, Adventure) Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden.						Fries That?		Survive This

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## 26 movies&amp;entertainment

Madonna is investing \$1.5 million US in Vita Coco, a Brazilian coconut water company, because of the effect it's had on her health, sources tell Fox News. "Madonna began drinking it in 2009 ... and it became her drink of choice," a source says. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Going bananas for coconuts**

## Going Out

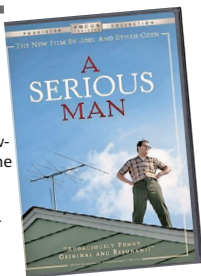
Metro's **7th Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

## 1 Super Bowl XLIV

**EVENT** When it comes to a North American sporting event, the Super Bowl hits the longest yard — the best parties, the best ads, the best cheerleaders and, this time, the best underdog story. The New Orleans Saints are in their first NFL grand finale and they carry with them the hopes of a battered city rising from the ashes of Hurricane Katrina. Good luck, Indianapolis.

## 2 A Serious Man

**DVD** The Coen Brothers get autobiographical. Well, sort of. The black comedy, centred around a Jewish professor, draws on the filmmakers' childhood experiences growing up in an academic household. The real-life similarities probably end there but there are enough Coen trademarks to make this one of their top works to date.



## 3 Kathryn Bigelow

**DIRECTOR** Who would have thought that director of Point Break would go on to make something like The Hurt Locker? Anyway, James Cameron's ex is the most talked-about filmmaker in Hollywood right now. She's already become the first person to win the top Director's Guild of American award. Can she repeat the feat come Oscar night?

## 4 Star Trek Online

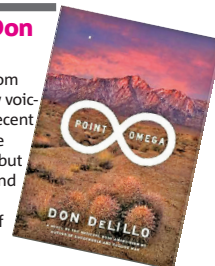
**GAME** It's a bit surprising that given the number of Trekkies out there this is the first online game from the franchise. Here's how it works: You start as a lowly ensign on the Starfleet and climb up the chain to become captain of the spaceship. Live out your Kirk fantasies and prosper.

## 5 Dear John

**FILM** Ladies, time to polish up the lachrymals. Channing Tatum (great reason to smile through the tears) and Amanda Seyfried star in this adaptation of "cry-fi" author Nicholas Sparks' book. Guys, just stick to the Super Bowl parties this weekend.

## 6 Point Omega: Don DeLillo

**BOOK** The 15th novel from one of the major literary voices of the last few decades. His recent works may not have reached the heights of White Noise or Libra but there's some positive buzz around this tale of a father coming to terms with the disappearance of his daughter.



## 7 Romance Is Boring: Los Campesinos!

**ALBUM** Glockenspiel solos? Check. Addictive mash of New Wave and twee pop? Check. Funny but abrasive lyrics? Check. If you want in on what hip kids are grooving to these days, this Welsh band's second full-length album is a must have.



## Jackson's doctor negotiates surrender

**The lawyer for Michael Jackson's doctor says he will surrender Friday, though it's not clear when he'll be arraigned.**

Attorney Ed Chernoff said in a statement on his website late Thursday that Dr. Conrad Murray had agreed to surrender Friday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says Murray's arraignment will not take place Friday.

A district attorney's office spokeswoman was not immediately available for comment.

Murray has maintained that nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him.

Murray's arraignment was thought to be set for Friday afternoon, a person familiar with the planning had told The Associated Press.

The person declined to

## Factors

- A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that officials from the Los Angeles Police Department, which spent the past seven months investigating Murray, were unhappy with the idea of him surrendering and wanted to arrest him.
- The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity, says various factors weighed into the desire to arrest Murray, including the possibility he might flee before arraignment, as O.J. Simpson did.

be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Two law enforcement officials have told the AP prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter, alleging he gave Jackson a

powerful anesthetic that led to his June 25 overdose death at a rented mansion in Los Angeles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

Murray, who has a practice in Houston, came to Los Angeles last weekend and has been strategizing with his defence team.

Police have been investigating Murray since Jackson's death.

The doctor told detectives he'd given the singer a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac star to sleep.

Jackson, 50, died soon thereafter, and investigators have been gathering evidence to try to show Murray was negligent in administering the drugs.

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## Mix of Six

## Sexy Laundry

When: Through Feb. 14.  
Where: Neptune Theatre

Starring William Vickers and Sherry Smith, this funny and fast-paced 90-minute play directed by Marcia Kash looks at a wife trying to rekindle the passion in her marriage after 25 years together. Tickets run from \$28 to \$45.

## QMJHL Hockey

When: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

It's basically do-or-die time now for the Mooseheads if they have any hopes of making the post-season. With that in mind, it's wins they'll need at home Friday against Saint John and Saturday versus Cape Breton. Adult tickets are \$14.50.

## Colin James

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

This established Canadian rock and blues musician is coming to town in support of his latest album titled Rooftops and Satellites. Tickets are \$41, which includes HST and service charges.

## Premier Basketball League

When: Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

The Halifax Rainmen look to continue their dominance on the Metro Centre hardwood when the Buffalo Stampede come for a visit. Adult tickets are \$19.50 and \$24.50.

## Symphony Nova Scotia

When: Sunday at 2 p.m.  
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

The show will feature Symphony Sundays and Janina's Chopin to Beethoven's Eighth as this incredible group of musicians showcase their immense talents. Tickets range in price from \$29 to \$49.

## Halifax RV Show

When: Through Sunday  
Where: Exhibition Park

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Grammy Award-winning artists Alicia Keys and Shakira will perform during halftime of the NBA all-star game. The league also announced Usher will perform at the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Entertainment

# Salinger took his material from hometown

**J.D. Salinger supposedly spent the latter half of his life writing for his own pleasure, composing each day in a pine house in the hills that overlooked towering maple trees, plowed hay fields and the neighbouring mountains of Vermont.**

The author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, who died last week at age 91, lived here for more than 50 years and continued to publish throughout his first decade in Cornish, releasing such

fiction as *Franny and Zooey* and *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction*. But while he surely appreciated a setting that was "nice and peaceful," a wish Holden Caulfield expressed in *Catcher*, Salinger was essentially a cosmopolitan author who set much of his fiction on campuses and in his native New York City and the surrounding area.

The book world knows no greater mystery than

what Salinger might have written since he stopped sharing his work with the public in the 1960s. Former neighbour Jerry Burt has said, and continues to say, that Salinger told him he was keeping a stack of manuscripts in a safe.

ed to the books about him, to the memoirs by his daughter and by Maynard that cast him as a crank and recluse in his Cornish years, an image foreign to the amiable and unassuming townsman fellow residents had encountered.

kids, we used to have picnics out on his fields and he never seemed to mind." Salinger might have looked to the past. Cornish once was an artist colony that included founder Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the Beaux-Arts sculptor known

true-to-life "phoney" worthy of Caulfield's scorn, a German immigrant born Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter who called himself Clark Rockefeller and pretended to be part of the billionaire clan.

In neighbouring Plainfield lived Ed and Elaine Brown, who saw no good reason to pay federal taxes, a belief they acted upon by secluding themselves and building a defence of booby traps and 50-calibre sniper rifles.

"It's funny that so many people were focused on Salinger when you had these other incredible events going on," says Elizabeth Church, Salinger's neighbour.

Cornish residents, even those who spoke with him often, have no idea of what or whether Salinger wrote and are proud not to know. Revealing secrets in a small town can brand you for life, as fellow New Hampshire resident Grace Metalious learned in the 1950s when her tell-all novel of incest, murder and lust, *Peyton Place*, enraged the citizens of Gilmanton, 112 kilometres east of Cornish.

Salinger's neighbours and fellow Cornish residents speak of the trust between themselves and Salinger.

Neither spoke out of turn about the other.

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Cornish, Vt. residents of J.D. Salinger spoke about about the author following his death. One called him a "good neighbour."

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Salinger's daughter, Margaret, and a former Salinger lover, Joyce Maynard, have also claimed he had a secret stash at home.

With his longtime literary agency, Harold Ober Associates, Inc., declining comment on any possible unreleased work, rumours of what Salinger wrote in his later New Hampshire life range from meditations on nutrition to continued adventures of the Glass family featured in much of his published work. But had he chosen to take on his immediate world, in Cornish, there would have been much — in the present and in the past — to inspire him.

He might have respond-

ed to the books about him, to the memoirs by his daughter and by Maynard that cast him as a crank and recluse in his Cornish years, an image foreign to the amiable and unassuming townsman fellow residents had encountered.

"We kept hearing all the garbage about how weird he was," says Salinger neighbour and former state senator Peter Burling. "But he was a good neighbour completely integrated into the town, with a real appreciation for young people. When we were

for his Civil War generals and a bronze statue of Diana in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a novelist-painter named Winston Churchill who was later confused with the statesman of the same name, a standoff settled when the British Churchill agreed to use his middle initial "S." Salinger might have tried to capture in words Cornish painter Maxfield Parrish's wintery-blue landscapes, or been intrigued by painter George de Forest Brush's decision to live in a teepee on the grounds of Saint-Gaudens' home.

Or he might have embellished on recent headlines. In the Cornish hills was a

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## Heiress had diabetes: Coroner

**DEATH** The Los Angeles County coroner says socialite Casey Johnson's death was related to diabetes.

The coroner released its results Thursday.

The coroner announced Thursday that the death of the Johnsons

was caused by diabetic ketoacidosis — a life-threatening condition caused by lack of insulin and sky-high blood sugar.

The coroner conducted Johnson's autopsy Jan. 5. Her body was found a day earlier in her Los Angeles

home.

The 30-year-old daughter of New York Jets owner Robert (Woody) Johnson lived a party life.

In December, she announced her engagement to bisexual reality TV star Tila Tequila.

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## Prescriptions a factor in Murphy death

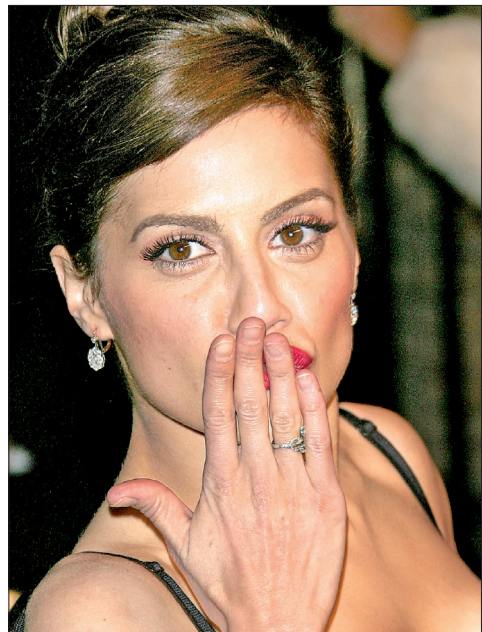
**REPORT** The Los Angeles County coroner says Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia but prescription drug intoxication was also a factor.

The coroner released its results Thursday.

Spokesman Craig Harvey says the primary cause of Murphy's death was pneumonia, with secondary factors of iron-deficiency anemia and multiple drug intoxication. Harvey says the drugs ingested were all prescription medications.

Harvey declined to say more about what types of drugs were involved. He says those details will be released in about two weeks when a complete report is ready. Murphy died Dec. 20 at age 32 after collapsing at her Hollywood Hills home. Her mother and husband have said that the actress didn't abuse prescription medications or have an eating disorder. Attempts to contact them were unsuccessful.

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Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, but prescription drugs played a factor, a coroner said.

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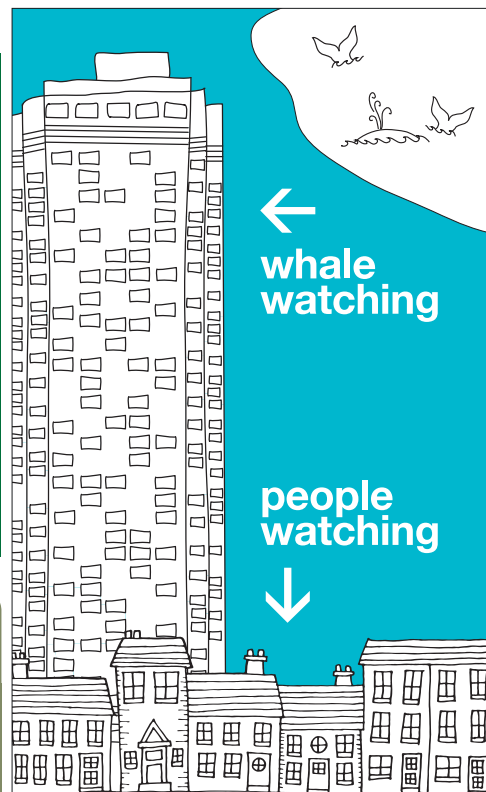
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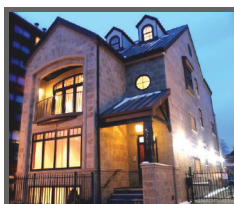
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Brothers & Sisters star Sarah Jane Morris and her husband Ned Brower welcomed a baby boy on January 24, their rep confirms. Brower, drummer for the band Rooney, also announced the news on Facebook. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

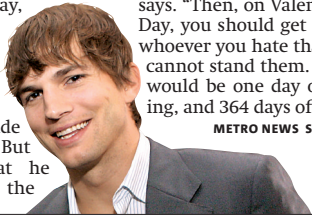
### He just wants to love

**SEVEN DAYS A WEEK** Demi Moore might be shocked to learn that her husband dislikes the year's most romantic day, [people.com](http://people.com) reports.

"I hate Valentine's Day," Kutcher tells *Parade* magazine. But it's not that he doesn't like the

love-dovey sentiment that is celebrated every Feb. 14. "I think every day should be a day of romance," he says. "Then, on Valentine's Day, you should get to tell whoever you hate that you cannot stand them. There would be one day of hating, and 364 days of love."

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### All the pretty hoarders

**WHEN HER 'CAREER' TANKS SHE CAN SELL EVERYTHING ONLINE. OH WAIT, THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENING AT LOHAN-HOUSE.COM** Is Lindsay Lohan a secret celebrity hoarder?

"I just need to get rid of ... stuff," the 23-year-old star says in a teaser for an exclusive interview on *The Insider*, [popeater.com](http://popeater.com) reports. "That's personal stuff that I have to work on."

That "stuff" has apparently been taken

over the actress' home. According to *The Insider*, her bedroom has turned into a warehouse of shoes and her living room is filled with clutter, including racks upon racks of clothes.

In an interview with Niecy Nash — host of the Style Network's *Clean House* reality show — Lohan reveals she may be using hoarding as a coping mechanism for the estranged relationship she has with her father, Michael Lohan.

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### John 'Cradle Robber' Mayer

**ICK. GROSS. EW, TAYLOR, NO!!** John Mayer is known for dating beautiful women — and clearly doesn't discriminate on their ages. The 32-year-old rocker, who was previously involved with 40-year-old Jennifer Aniston, is now rumoured to be dating Taylor Swift, 20, [popeater.com](http://popeater.com) reports.

"Taylor and John are absolutely more than

'just friends,'" a source tells [hollywoodlife.com](http://hollywoodlife.com). "They aren't 'boyfriend and girlfriend' or anything as provincial as that, but they have taken their friendship to the next level."

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### Taking a bite out of V-Day

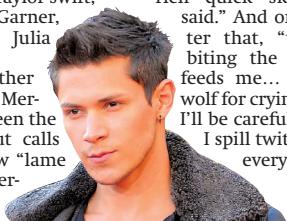
**OUCH! THAT'S THE TRUTH HURTING** Alex Meraz, a member of the hunky, shirtless wolf pack in *New Moon*, isn't afraid to bear his fangs at his famous costar Taylor Lautner, [us-magazine.com](http://us-magazine.com) reports.

Meraz, 25, took to his Twitter account to play armchair critic to Valentine's Day, the romantic comedy in which Lautner stars with Taylor Swift, Jennifer Garner, and Julia Roberts, among other superstars. Meraz hasn't seen the film — but calls the preview "lame and desperate." He

Tweeted late Wednesday, "Sorry Taylor but the movie valentines day looks lame and desperate it cries out 'look we have all the biggest starz in 1movie pleeez watch!'"

Meraz backtracked just an hour later, writing, "P.S. it has nothing to do with the talented actors in the movie I just don't like the producer & Directors 'get rich quick skeem' nuff said." And one hour after that, "talk about biting the hand that feeds me... but I'm a wolf for crying out loud! I'll be careful next time I spill twitter all over everyone."

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### Mixing biz with pleasure?

**AN AGENT WITH AN AGENDA ... TO MEET WITH HIS CLIENT AND HAVE A MEAL. SO DEVIOUS** Has Reese Witherspoon waded back into the dating pool?

*People.com* reports the Oscar winner, 33, shared dinner for two at Santa Monica's cozy Italian eatery Locanda Portofino last Thursday with Jim Toth, an agent at Hollywood's powerful Creative Artists Agency. After greeting

each other with a hug and settling into a corner table, the pair "were very flirtatious throughout dinner," says a fellow diner.

"They were having a lot of fun, totally getting along and laughing and talking the whole dinner. Reese seemed very happy. She was smiling all dinner. The mood was upbeat and

really good."

Witherspoon quietly split from actor Jake Gyllenhaal, 29, last December. After the nearly two-hour meal — for which Toth picked up the tab — the couple walked outside and parted ways around 11 p.m.

Witherspoon is a CAA client, and a source close to the actress maintains the night out was just business.

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### Jolie-Aniston beat down

**SHE BEAT HER AND GOT THE GUY. SHE BEAT HER TO BEING A MOTHER. NOW SHE'S BEATING HER WITH A MILLION DOLLARS** Angelina Jolie bests Jennifer Aniston — again. Jolie, 34, out earned Aniston, 40, in 2009, according to Vanity Fair's Hollywood's Top 40 list, [us-magazine.com](http://us-magazine.com) reports. Jolie came in at No. 32 on the list by making \$21 million US last year; \$20

million of that for her action thriller, *Salt*, which doesn't even hit theaters until next July. She made an extra mil in royalties from other films, the magazine estimates.

Aniston isn't too far behind at No. 31. She earned \$20 million last year, but had to do a lot more work. Vanity Fair says she made \$8 million

each for *The Bounty Hunter* and *The Baster*. She banked \$3 million for 2008's *Marley & Me* thanks to back-end earnings of its \$243 million worldwide gross and DVD sales, and \$1 million from *He's Just Not That Into You*.

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@eddieizzard If you're in the LA area or even anywhere in Southern California, check out the moon. It has a massive ring around it from where I'm looking

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@ladygaga look what i did last night. little monsters forever, on the arm that holds my mic.

@ActuallyNPH Heading to London in a bit. Can't wait to be there and soak in the warm weather. Get some sun. Here it's lovely this



### All work and no play

**YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT** Amy Winehouse is going back to the Caribbean, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The singer — who spent more than six months on the island of St. Lucia last year — is flying out to Jamaica later this month but has been warned by her record label not to treat the trip as a holiday.

"She'll fly out next week. She is really excited about going back because she loves the Caribbean so much," a source told *The Sun* newspaper. "But she's been told it's not a party. She has to work."

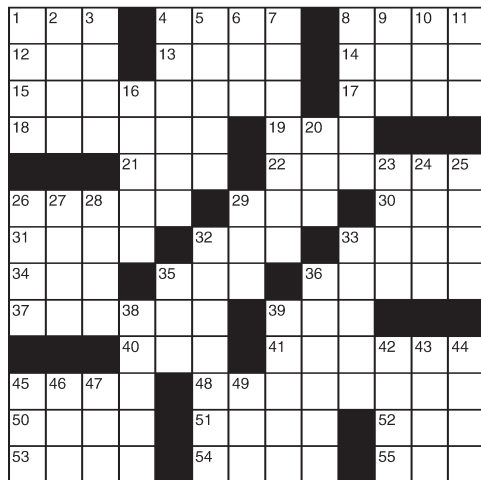
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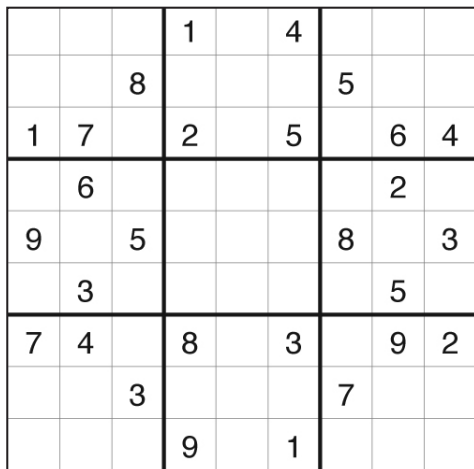
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## Cheddar and Broccoli Strata

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1 tbsp (15 ml) butter  
4 shallots, finely chopped  
1/2 lb (250 g) broccoli florets  
6 oz (175 g) green beans, halved  
2 cups (500 ml) frozen corn  
9 slices bread, halved and crusts removed  
4 eggs  
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) 2% milk  
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh chives, snipped  
2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh parsley, chopped  
3/4 cup (175 ml) cheddar cheese, grated  
salt and black pepper

## METHOD:

1. Melt butter in frying pan. Add shallots and cook until softened. Cook broccoli and green beans in boiling water until tender. Drain, then stir with shallots.

lots and corn in bowl; season to taste.  
2. Arrange six halved bread slices side-by-side in lightly greased overproof dish. Top with half the broccoli mixture, add another layer of bread, then broccoli, then top with final layer of bread.  
3. Whisk eggs, milk, chives and parsley, then season. Pour mixture over layered bread and vegetables, then sprinkle cheese on top. Set aside 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).  
4. Bake casserole 1 hour or until set, puffy and golden brown. Spoon strata onto serving plates.

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



It is important that you believe in yourself. It is important that you have faith in your own abilities.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



You may feel that you deserve something better and you may feel that your talents should be appreciated more, but it won't happen unless you make it.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Saturn, planet of challenges, is strong in your chart, which means that someone in authority is going to give you a hard time.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



You may feel different, even superior, do something out of the ordinary today. You've got what it takes — so take it.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



You may not agree with the way some people live but you do accept they have the right to be different.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Someone you meet on your travels will bring you good luck, but do you deserve it? Maybe you do, maybe you don't.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you fear the worst then the worst will probably happen. Negative thoughts inevitably attract negative events, so keep yourself busy today.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you will need all your strength and all your skill to get through the situation.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



As a Leo you believe you can do anything and, for the most part, that belief is true. But with Saturn so strong at the moment you may bite off more than you can chew.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Don't waste a second of your precious time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to sort things out for themselves.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You will either get an lot of work done today or you will get nothing of any importance done at all. There is no middle ground.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20



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